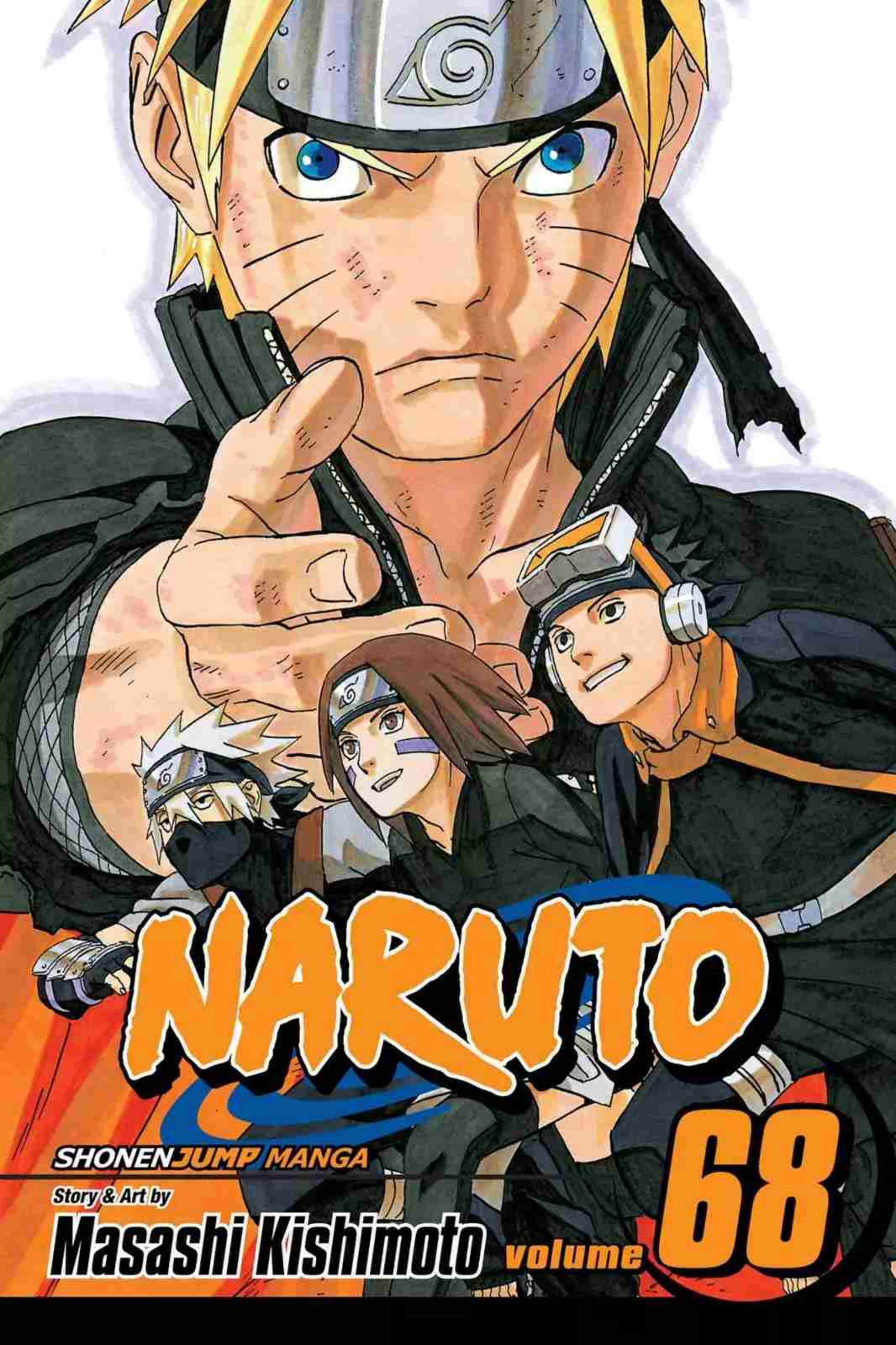




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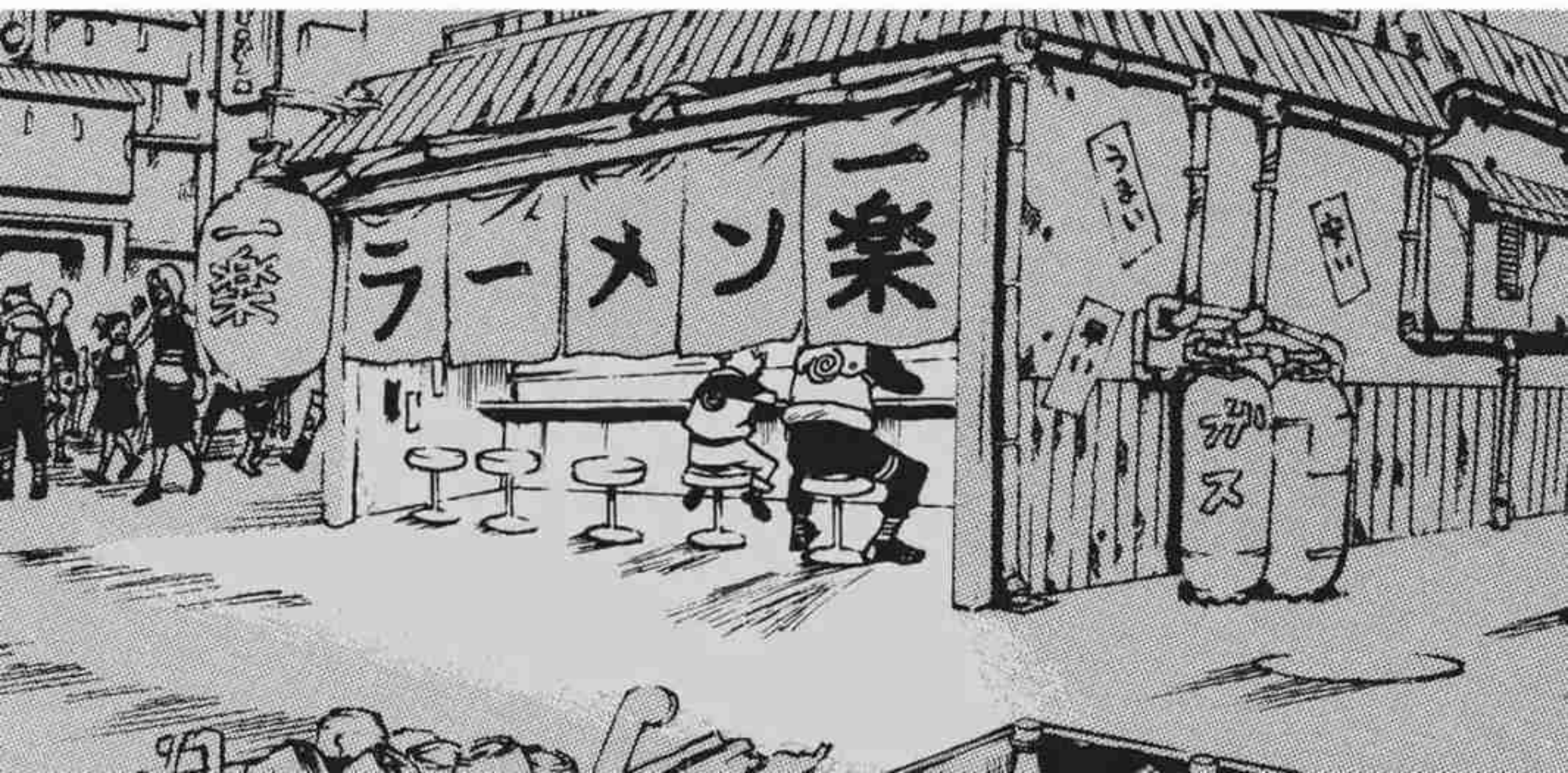
岸本 齊史

I visited my family home for the first time in a while and planned to take a really short stroll in the winter snow with my feet exposed. But everything was so nostalgic that I kept going and going. Though I was shivering from the cold, I'd walked over three miles before I realized it. I ended up having someone come give me a ride back.

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2014



Author/artist Masashi Kishimoto was born in 1974 in rural Okayama Prefecture, Japan. After spending time in art college, he won the Hop Step Award for new manga artists with his manga **Karakuri** (Mechanism). Kishimoto decided to base his next story on traditional Japanese culture. His first version of **Naruto**, drawn in 1997, was a one-shot story about fox spirits; his final version, which debuted in **Weekly Shonen Jump** in 1999, quickly became the most popular ninja manga in Japan.







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# CHARACTERS



Naruto うずまきナルト



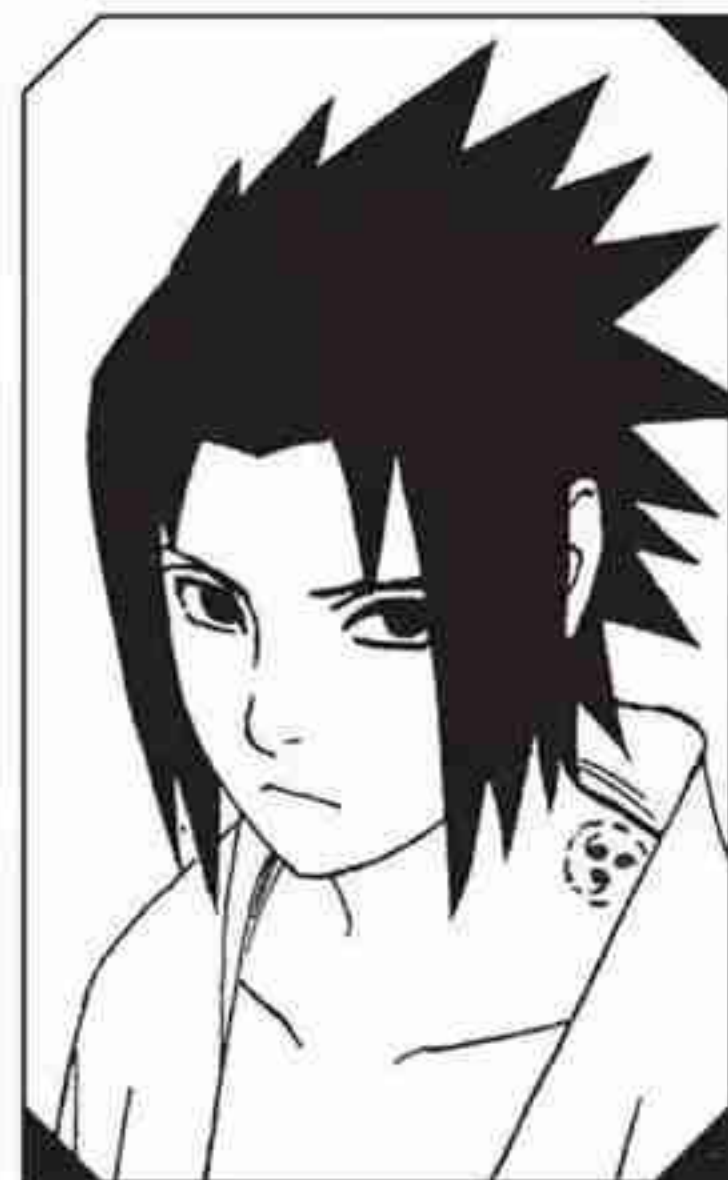
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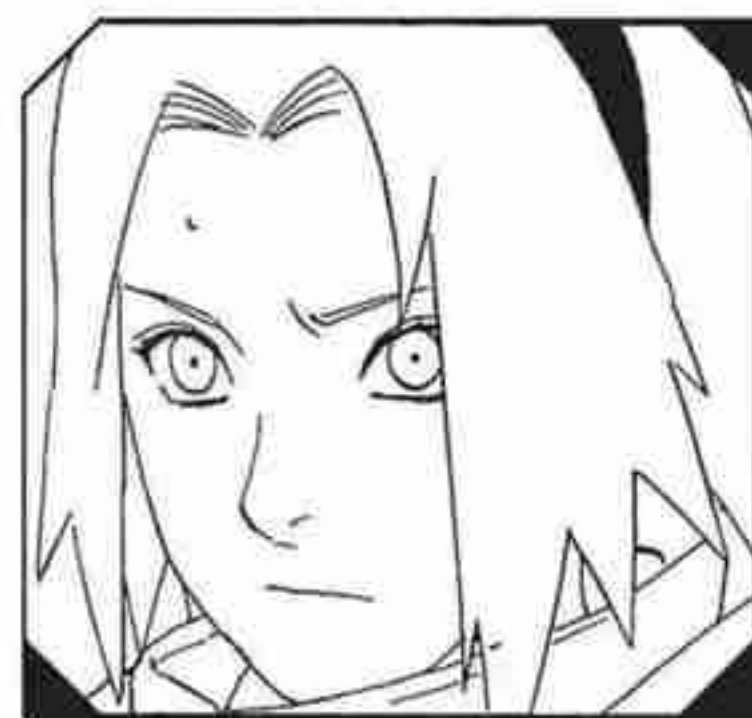
Sai サイ



Kurama 九喇嘛



Sasuke うちはサスケ



Sakura 春野サクラ



Yamato ヤマト



Obito うちはオビト



Tsuchikage  
土影Raikage  
雷影Gaara  
我愛羅Tsunade  
綱手Orochimaru  
大蛇丸Eight  
Tails  
八尾Killer  
Bee  
キラビーMizukage  
水影Jugo  
重吾Karin  
香燐Suigetsu  
水月Madara  
うちはマダラMinato  
波風ミナトHiruzen  
猿飛ヒルゼンTobirama  
千手扉間Hashirama  
千手柱間

## THE STORY SO FAR...

Naruto, the biggest troublemaker at the Ninja Academy in the Village of Konohagakure, finally becomes a ninja along with his classmates Sasuke and Sakura. They grow and mature through countless trials and battles. However, Sasuke, unable to give up his quest for vengeance, leaves Konohagakure to seek Orochimaru and his power...

Two years pass. Naruto grows up and engages in fierce battles against the Tailed Beast-targeting Akatsuki. And the Fourth Great Ninja War against the Akatsuki finally begins. Naruto and his companions face off against the reunited Obito and Madara in order to stop the resurrected Ten Tails! But soon, Obito absorbs the Ten Tails and becomes a Jinchuriki. Then, in order to complete the Infinite Tsukuyomi, he summons forth the Divine Tree. The alliance appears powerless against these forces but Naruto and Sasuke stand tall. Can they stop Obito?!





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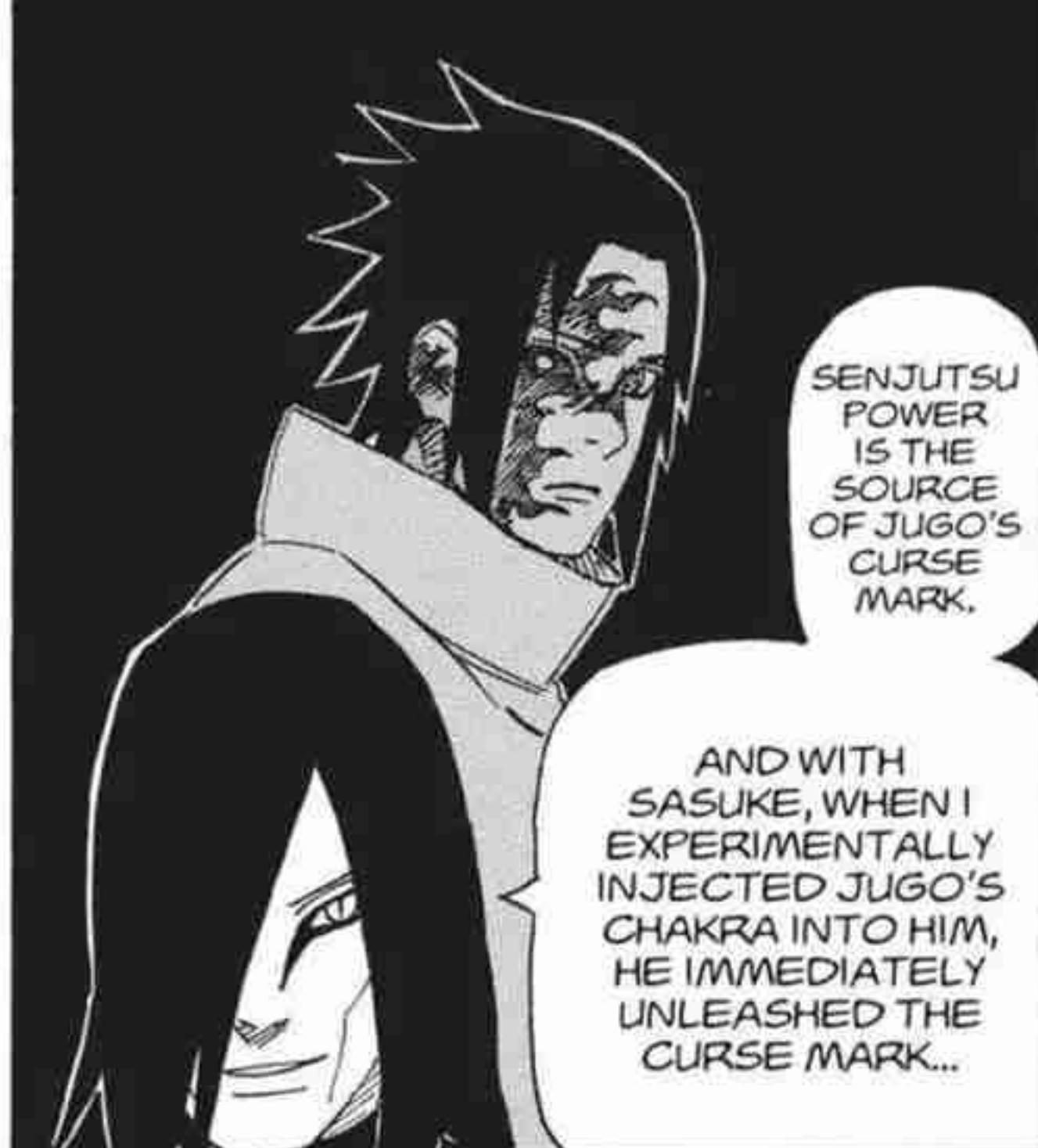
UZUMAKI  
NARUTO  
...











SENJUTSU  
POWER  
IS THE  
SOURCE  
OF JUGO'S  
CURSE  
MARK.

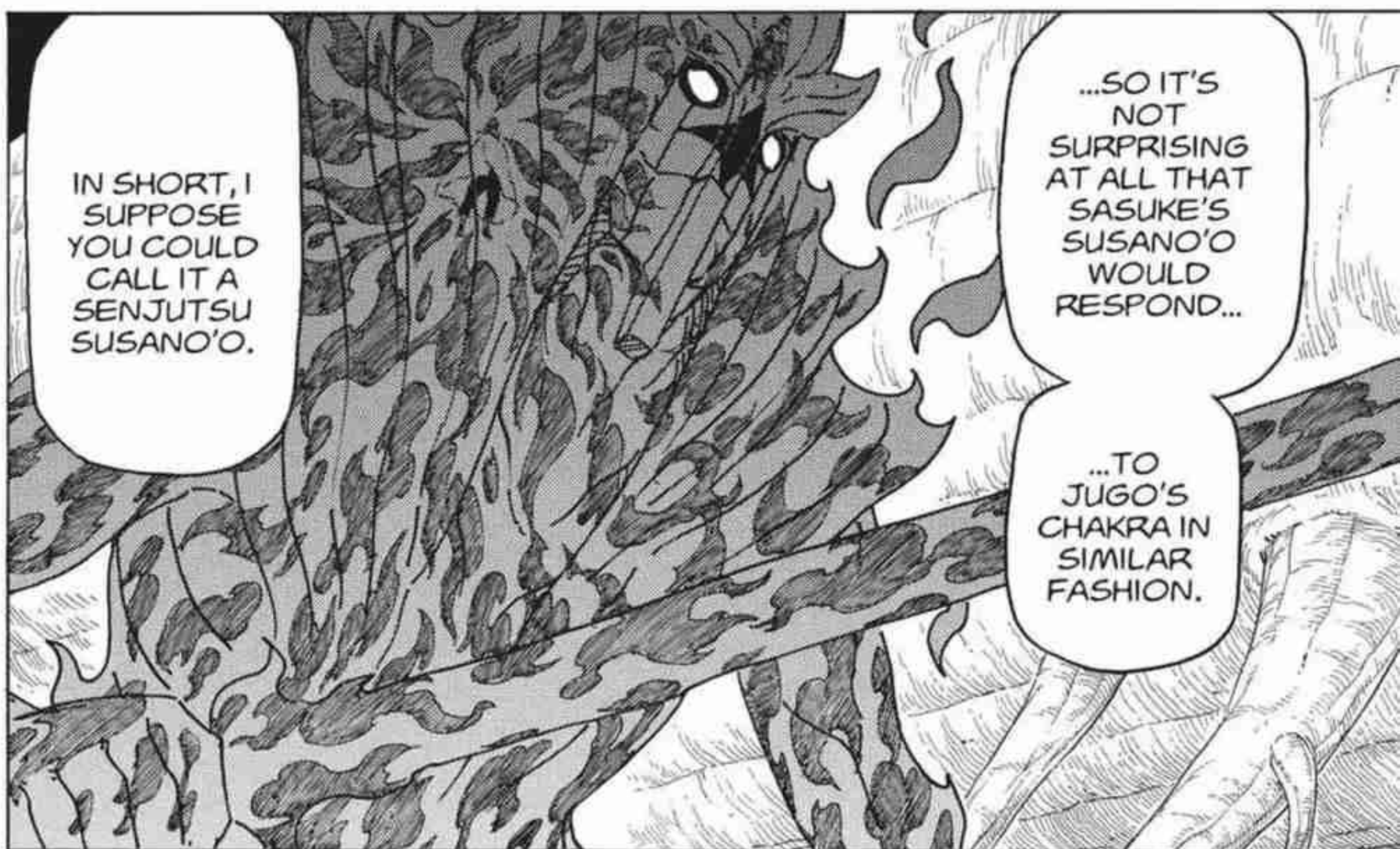
AND WITH  
SASUKE, WHEN I  
EXPERIMENTALLY  
INJECTED JUGO'S  
CHAKRA INTO HIM,  
HE IMMEDIATELY  
UNLEASHED THE  
CURSE MARK...



I  
THOUGHT  
HE LOST  
THE  
CURSE  
MARK  
POWER?

ISN'T THAT  
SASUKE'S  
CURSE  
MARK  
PATTERN-  
ING?

KARIN,  
LOOK!



IN SHORT, I  
SUPPOSE  
YOU COULD  
CALL IT A  
SENJUTSU  
SUSANO'O.

...SO IT'S  
NOT  
SURPRISING  
AT ALL THAT  
SASUKE'S  
SUSANO'O  
WOULD  
RESPOND...

...TO  
JUGO'S  
CHAKRA IN  
SIMILAR  
FASHION.



YOU'LL  
JUST BE  
IN THE  
WAY AND  
GET  
STABBED  
AGAIN.

MAYBE  
I'LL GO  
JOIN  
THEM...



AN UCHIHA  
WHO SHOWS  
THE SAME  
POTENTIAL  
AS MADARA,  
ONCE DID.

UCHIHA  
SASUKE...





...THAT  
YOU'LL ONE  
DAY BE A  
SHINOBI  
WHO  
SURPASSES  
MADARA!

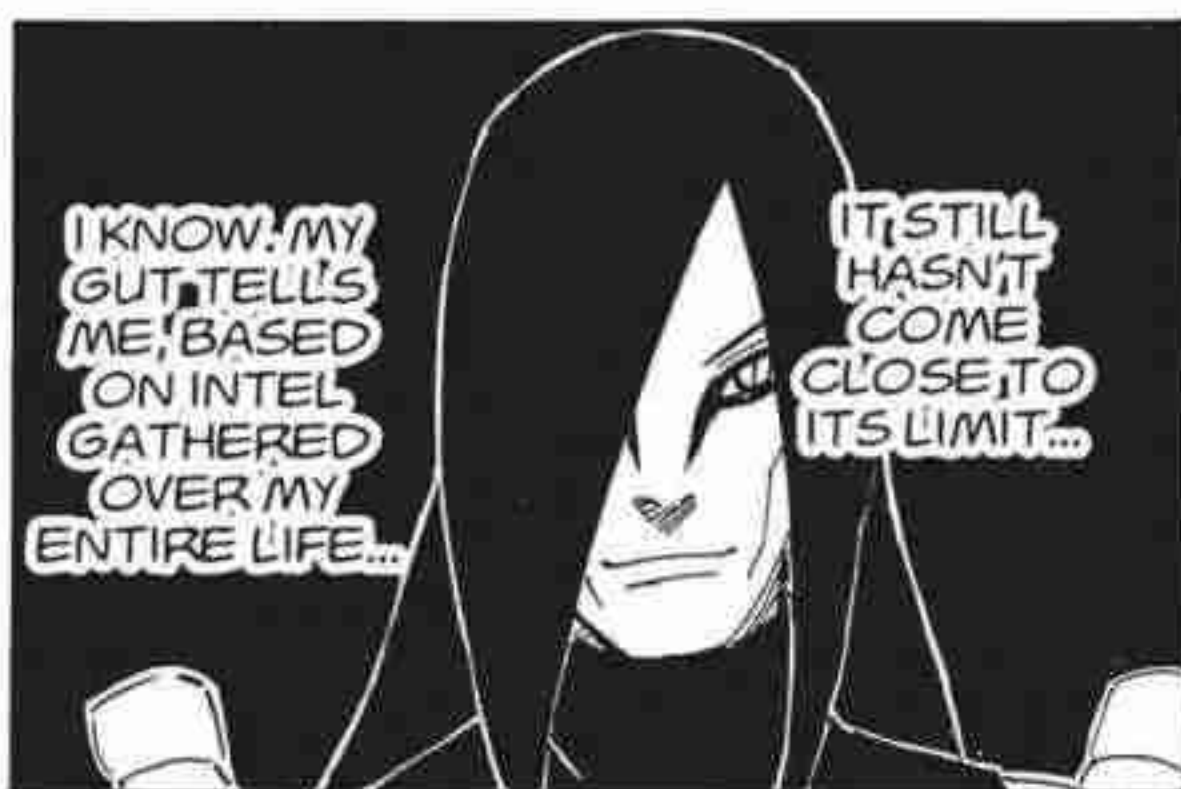


YAH  
!!

WAH!

OR RATHER,  
UNLIKE THAT  
OF ANY I'VE  
EXPER-  
IMENTED  
ON...

AND SASUKE,  
YOUR POWER  
IS UNLIKE THAT  
OF THE TWO  
BEHIND ME...



I KNOW. MY  
GUT TELLS  
ME, BASED  
ON INTEL  
GATHERED  
OVER MY  
ENTIRE LIFE...

IT STILL  
HASN'T  
COME  
CLOSE TO  
ITS LIMIT...



...DEPEND  
ON YOU.

AND YET,  
EVERYONE  
LIKES AND  
WANTS TO...



...YOU  
REMINDE  
ME SO  
MUCH OF  
ELDER  
BROTHER.

AND  
UZUMAKI  
NARUTO...



YOU'RE A  
FOOLISH, NAIVE  
BRAT WHO  
SPOUTS  
IDEALISMS AT  
THE TOP OF  
YOUR VOICE.

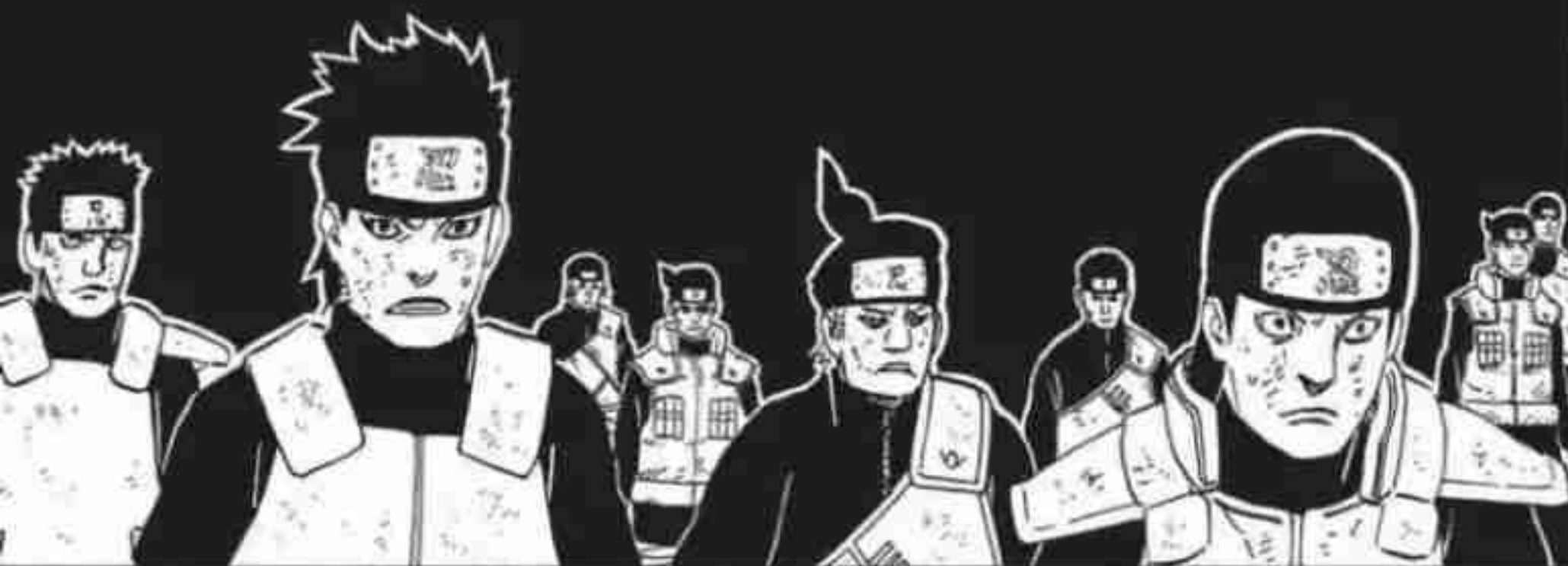


IS THAT GOOD ENOUGH?!

LET'S ASK THE LORDS GOKAGE WHEN THEY ARRIVE?

YEAH. SO THEN! WHAT SHOULD WE ALL DO?!

THOSE TWO REALLY WENT TO FACE OFF AGAINST HIM!



...UP UNTIL THE TIME I ACHIEVE MY TRUE DREAM.

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE BATTLES WE'LL FIGHT...



THEN... TELL ME ABOUT YOUR DREAMS OF THE FAR FUTURE.



I THOUGHT EVERYTHING WE'VE AIMED FOR IS HERE IN THIS VILLAGE!!

WHAT IS YOUR TRUE DREAM?

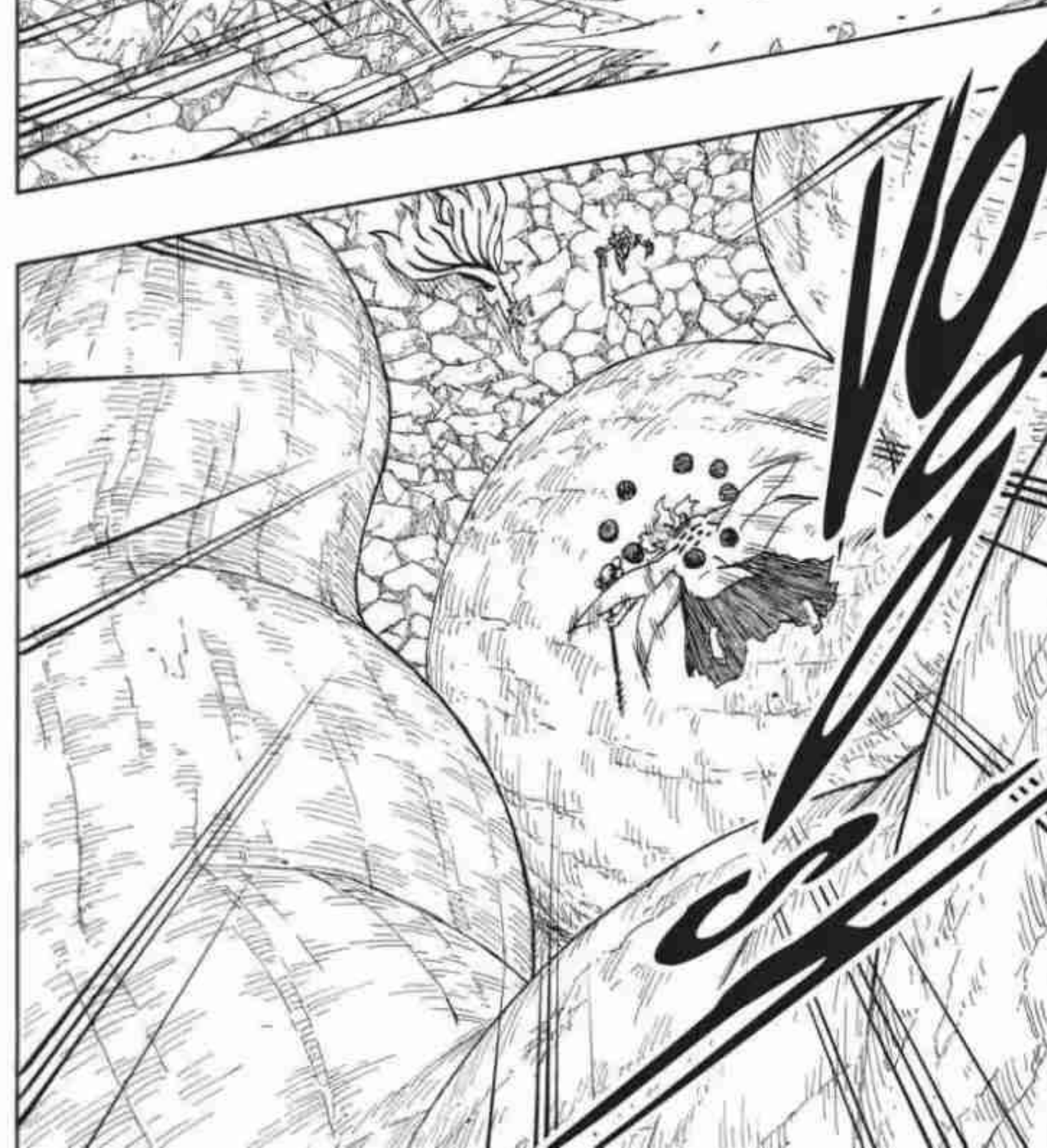
WHAT'S EVEN FURTHER AHEAD... DREAMS OF THE FAR FUTURE.

YOU... JUST CAN'T SEE IT...



GO!!

YEAH!!

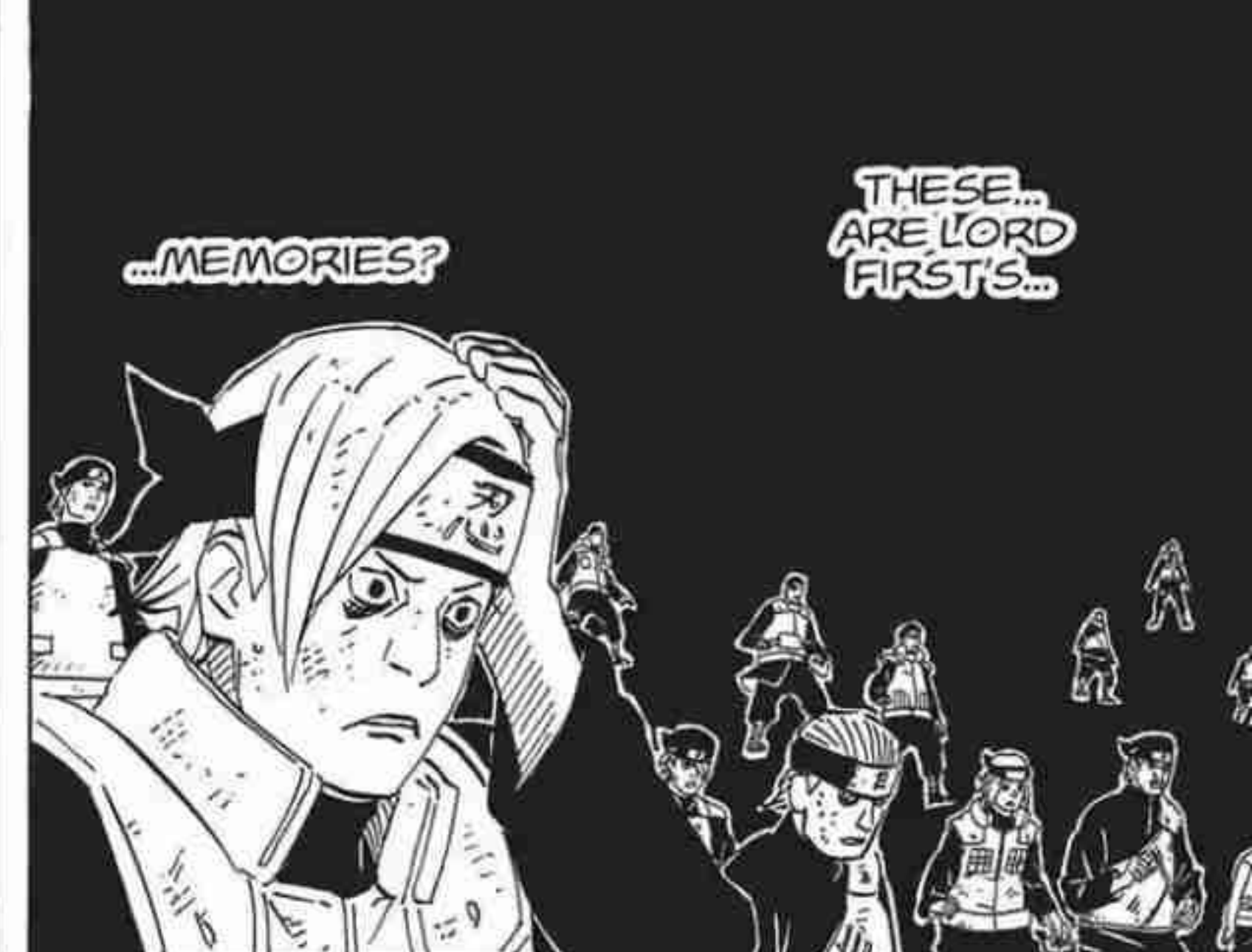
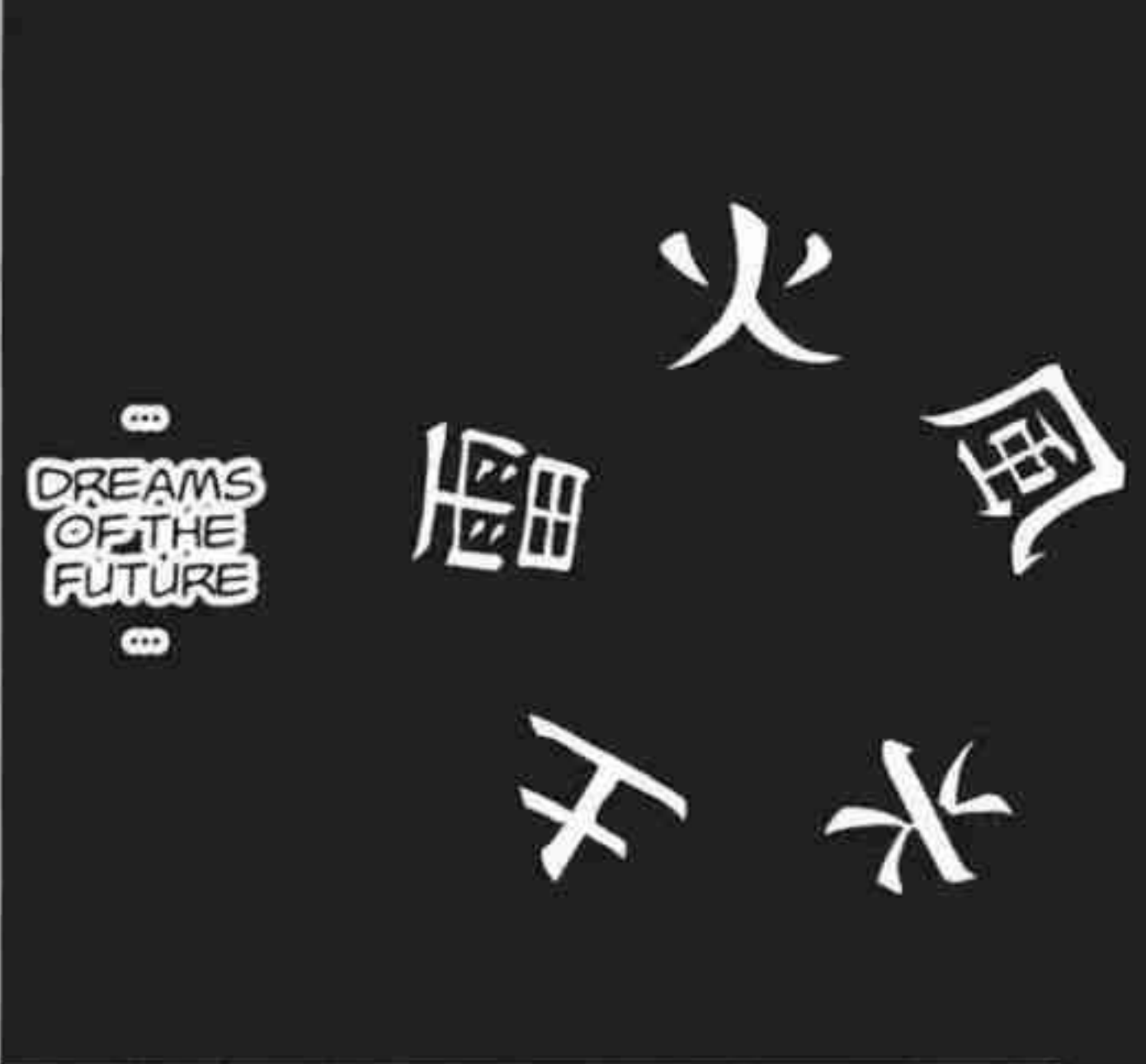


DON'T CRY UNTIL AFTER THE MILK IS SPILT, EH.

NOT THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE AN AFTER OR FUTURE FOR EITHER OF YOU.







...FIRST  
KAGE OF  
EACH OF  
THE FIVE  
GREAT  
NATIONS...  
I TRULY...

THE FACT  
THAT WE  
WERE ABLE  
TO CONVE  
THIS GOKAGE  
SUMMIT WITH  
THE...

















WOULD  
THAT BE  
ACCEPT-  
ABLE?

INSTEAD, WE  
WOULD LIKE AN  
ALTERNATIVE  
COMPENSATION  
FOR OUR  
COLLABORATION  
IN THIS PACT.



SINCE WE  
ALREADY HAVE  
ONE, WE DO  
NOT NEED  
ANOTHER.

IN OUR VILLAGE,  
A CERTAIN  
TEMPLE'S  
DISCIPLES HAVE  
LONG BEEN  
SEALING AWAY  
A BIJU...



AND THE  
OTHERS OF YOU  
TO HAND OVER  
30 PERCENT OF  
YOUR BIJU  
PURCHASE  
PRICE, AS WELL.

OUR NATION IS  
COMPLETELY  
COVERED IN  
SAND...

...THUS,  
WE'D LIKE  
ADJOINING  
KONOHA TO  
SHARE ARABLE  
LAND WITH US  
INSTEAD OF A  
BIJU.

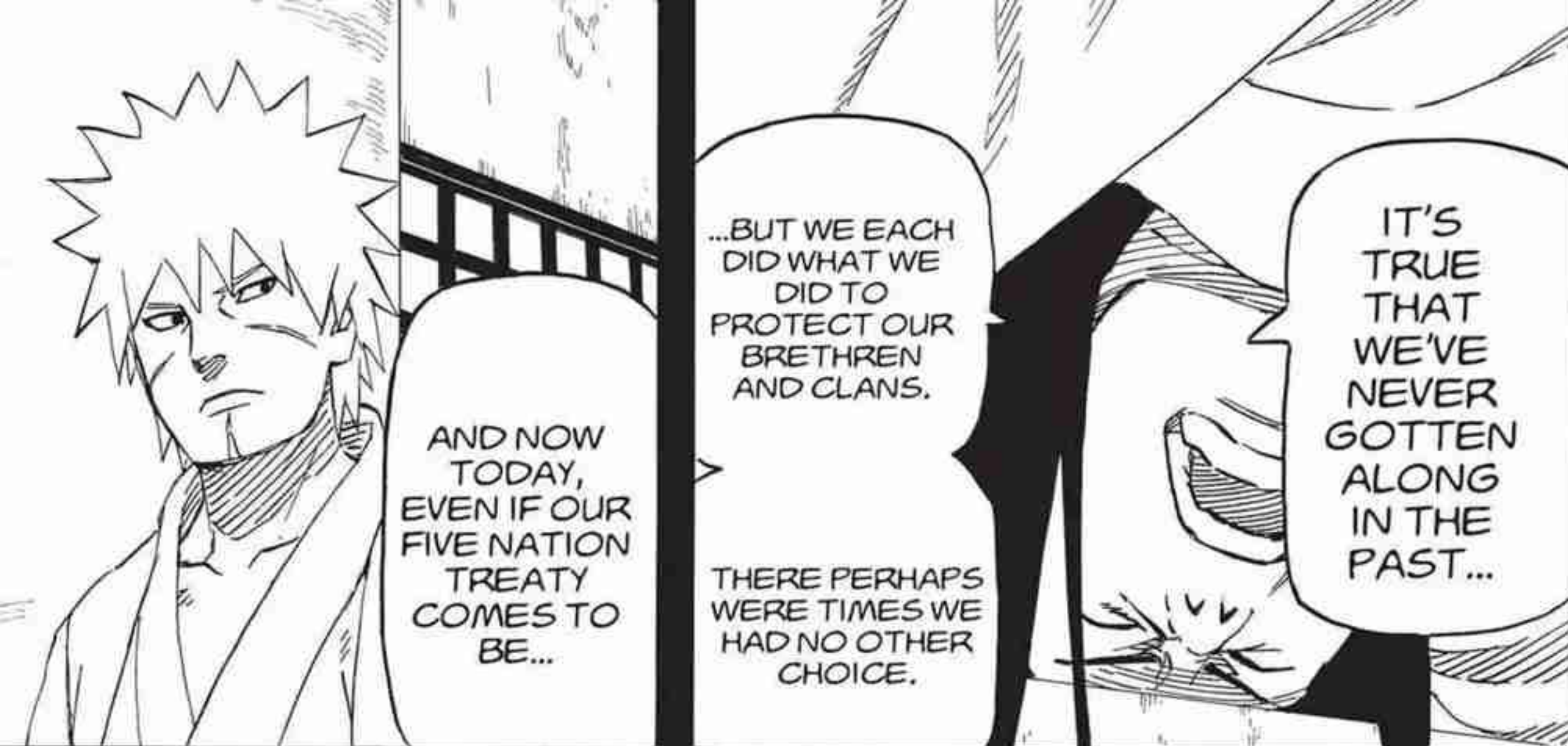


WHAT  
DO YOU  
DESIRE?









AND NOW  
TODAY,  
EVEN IF OUR  
FIVE NATION  
TREATY  
COMES TO  
BE...

...BUT WE EACH  
DID WHAT WE  
DID TO  
PROTECT OUR  
BRETHREN  
AND CLANS.

THERE PERHAPS  
WERE TIMES WE  
HAD NO OTHER  
CHOICE.

IT'S  
TRUE  
THAT  
WE'VE  
NEVER  
GOTTEN  
ALONG  
IN THE  
PAST...



BUT I'VE...  
GOT THIS  
DREAM...  
THAT SOME  
TIME IN THE  
FUTURE...

...

...I  
HONESTLY  
CAN'T SAY  
HOW LONG  
IT'LL LAST  
OR IF WE  
CAN HOLD  
TO IT.



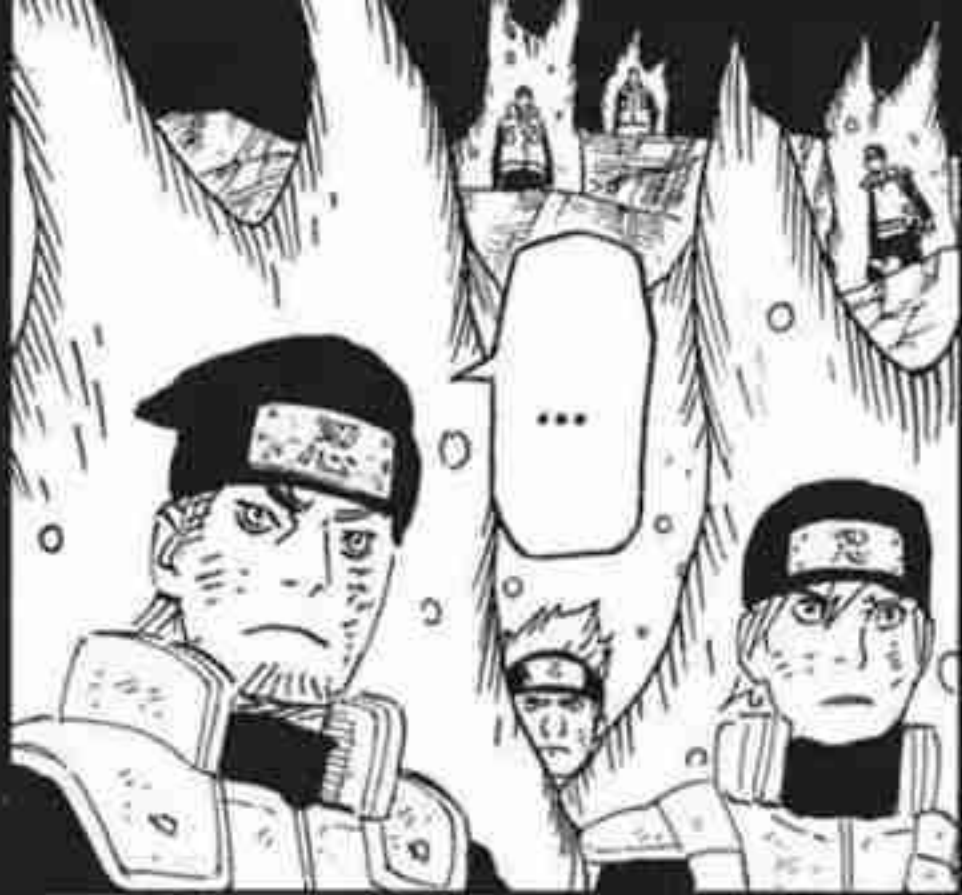
THAT  
IS MY...



...AND HELP  
EACH OTHER,  
WITH ONE  
HEART,  
REGARDLESS  
OF THEIR  
AFFILIATION.

...THERE'LL  
COME A DAY  
WHEN  
SHINOBI WILL  
COLLABO-  
RATE...









PLEASE!



ALL OF  
MY, OUR,  
BELOVED  
CHILDREN!!

I BEG  
YOU!!



PLEASE!

PLEASE!

PLEASE!

PLEASE!

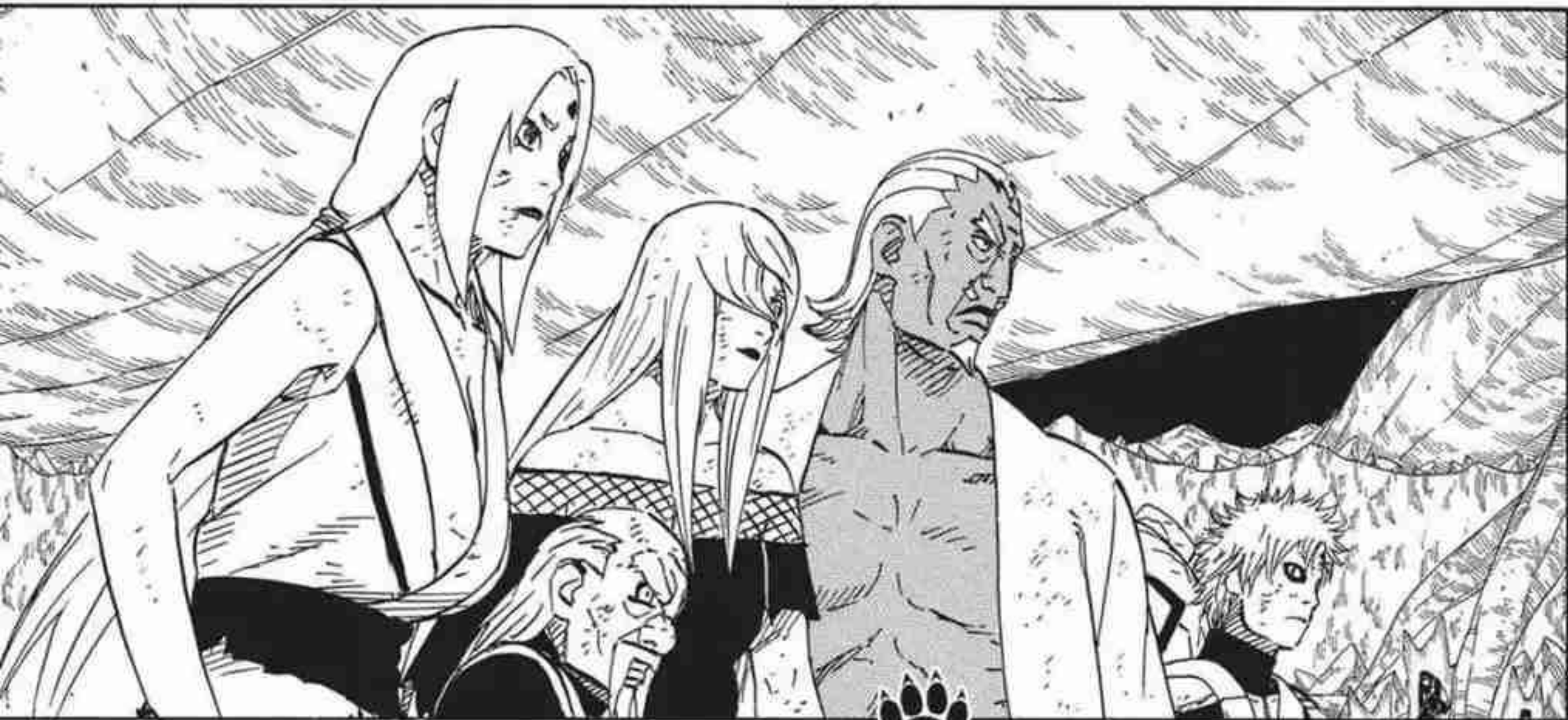
I ASK YOU  
TO TAKE  
THE FIRST  
STEP  
TOWARD  
THAT  
DREAM  
TODAY!











## Number 649: A Shinobi's Will



OF  
COURSE!

BUT IF  
WE DON'T  
WIN HERE,  
IT WON'T  
COME  
TO BE!



INDEED.



AM I  
WRONG?

SEEMS  
LIKE OUR  
GENERATION  
NO LONGER  
NEEDS TO  
TALK ABOUT  
THAT DREAM.



THAT  
IS THE  
GOKAGE'S  
JOB!

ALL RIGHT!  
LET'S  
SPREAD  
OUT AND  
TAKE  
COMMAND!

WE WILL  
DRAW OUT  
THE ALLIED  
SHINOBI  
FORCES'  
GREATEST  
POWER!



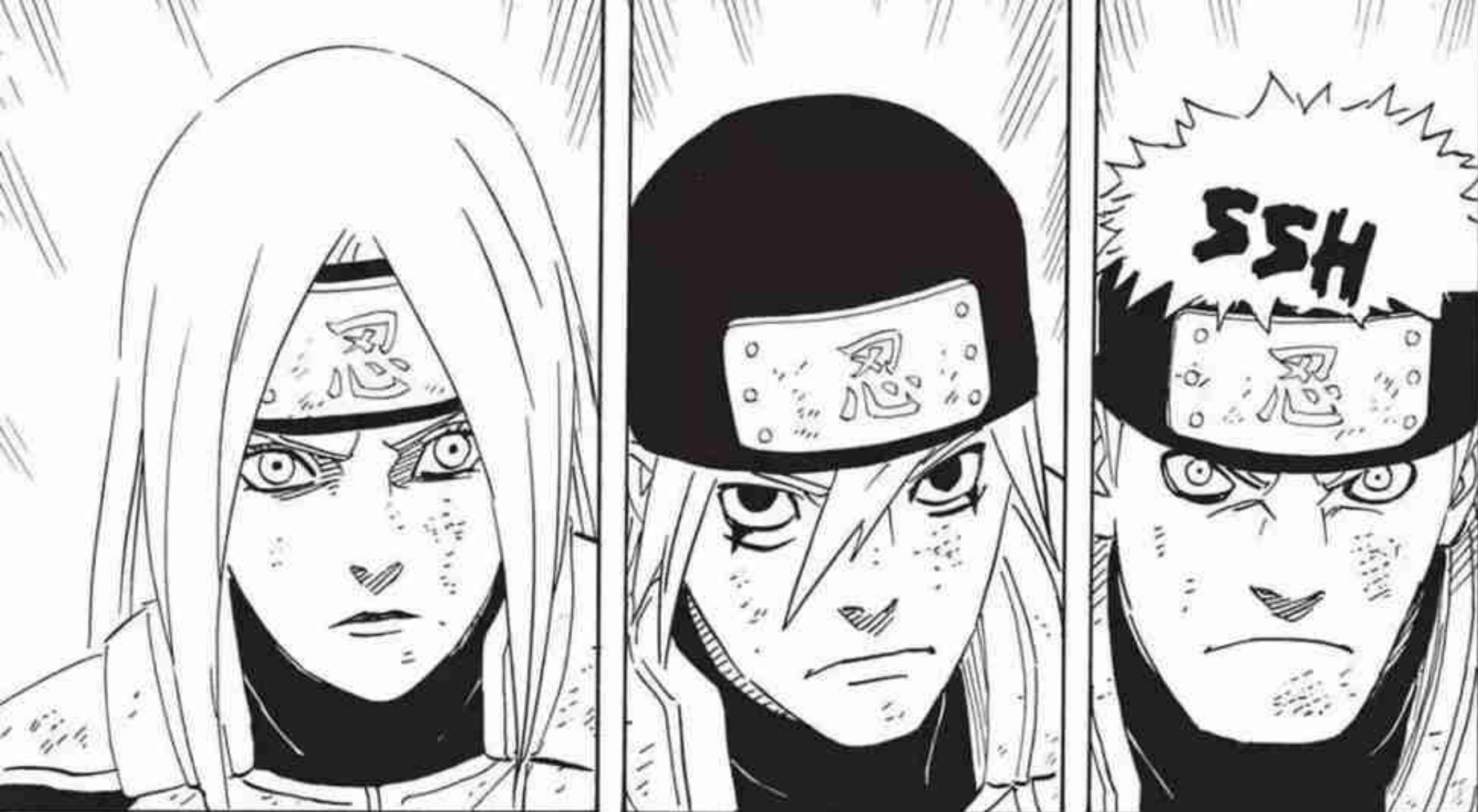
DEFEAT IS  
**NOT** AN  
OPTION.

TSUCHI-  
KAGE IS  
RIGHT.





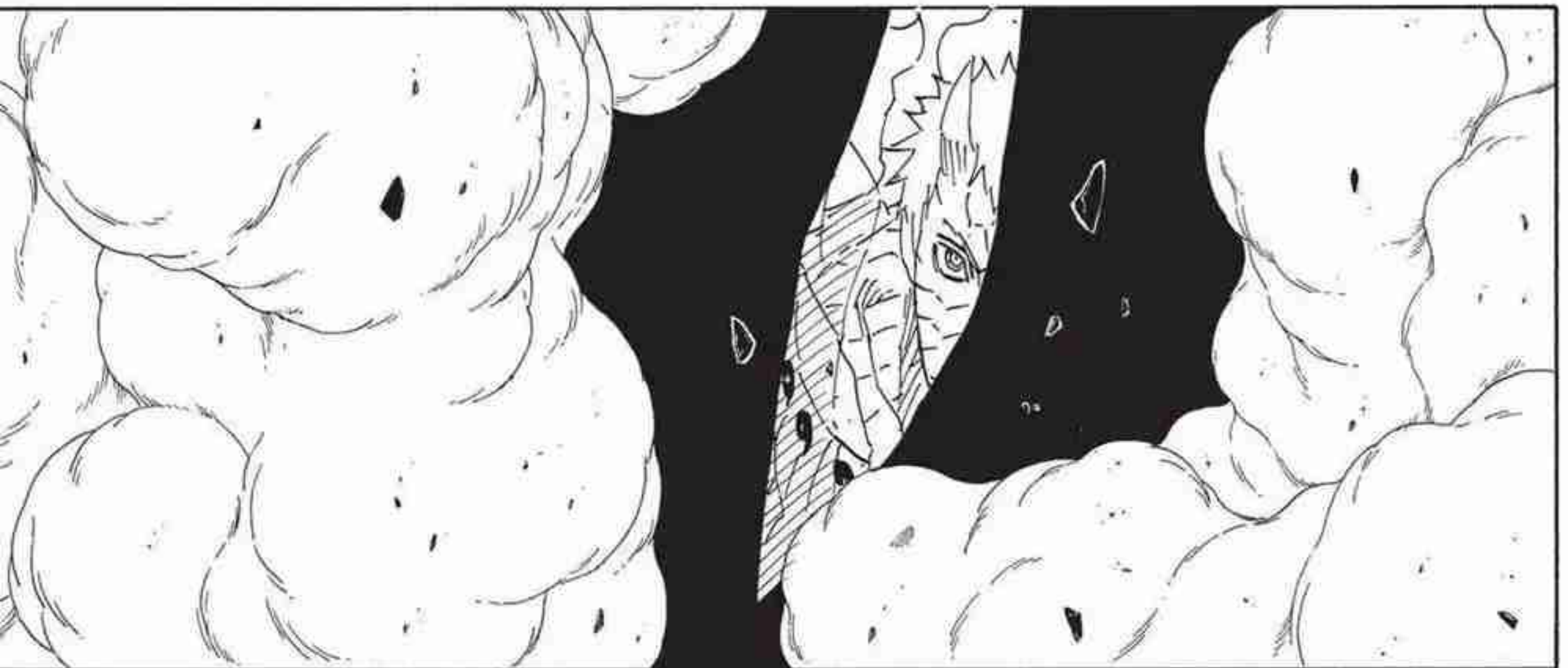
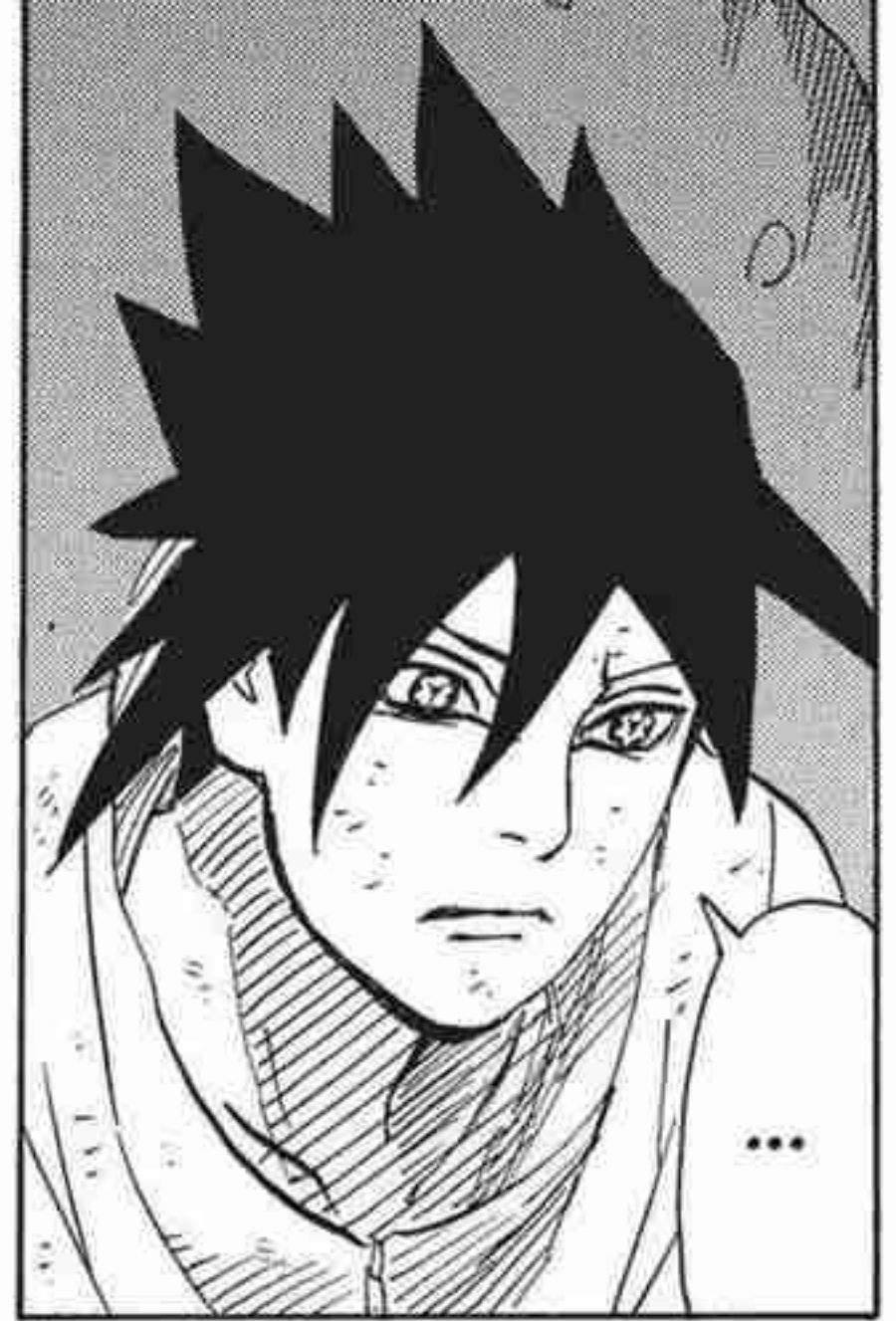








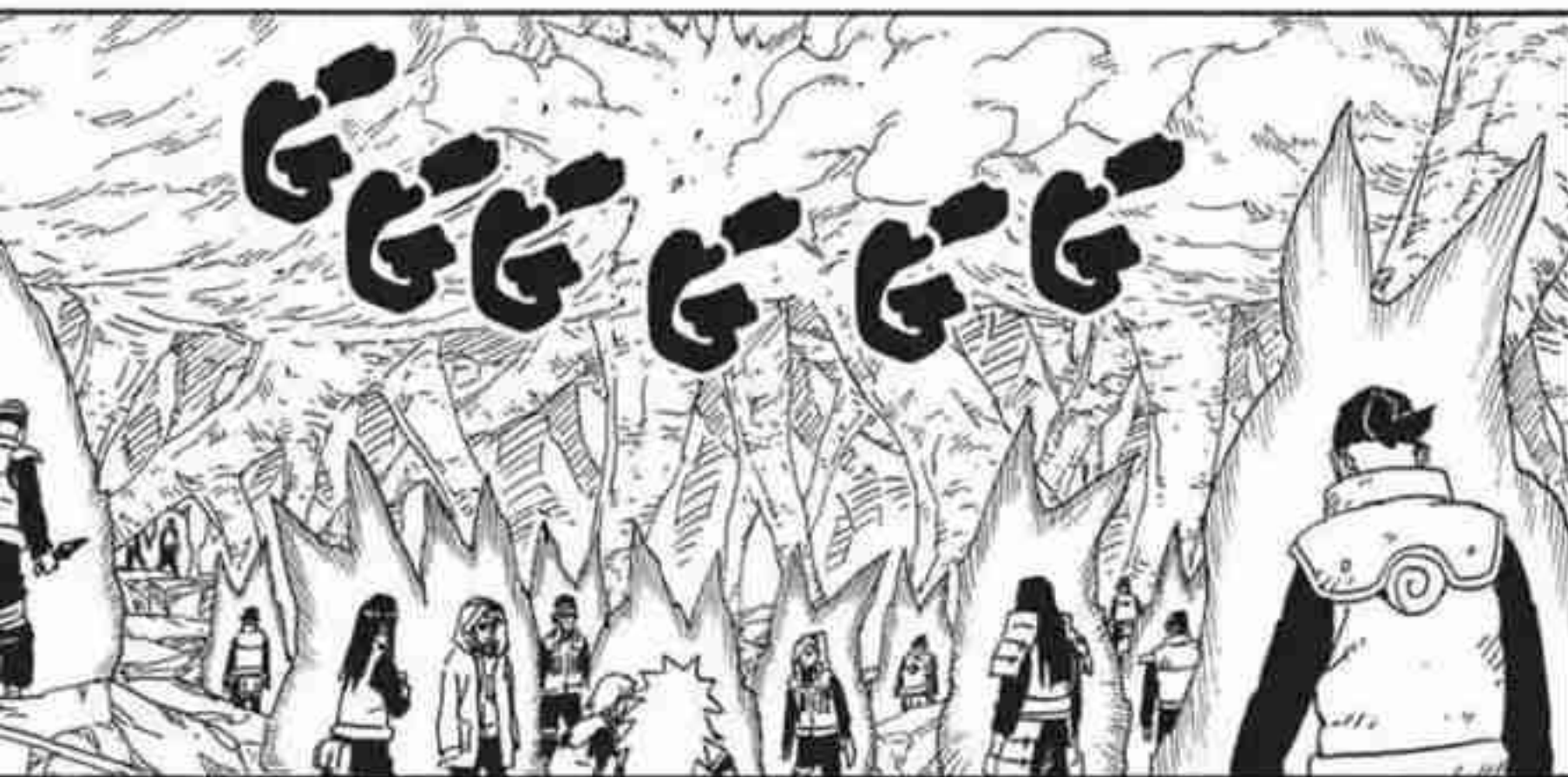












YOU  
DON'T  
UNDER-  
STAND,  
SAKURA.

NARUTO'S  
DOING  
THIS  
UNCON-  
SCIOUSLY.



LEAVE THE  
HEALING  
TO ME!

NARUTO!  
JUST FOCUS  
ON WHAT  
ONLY YOU  
CAN DO!



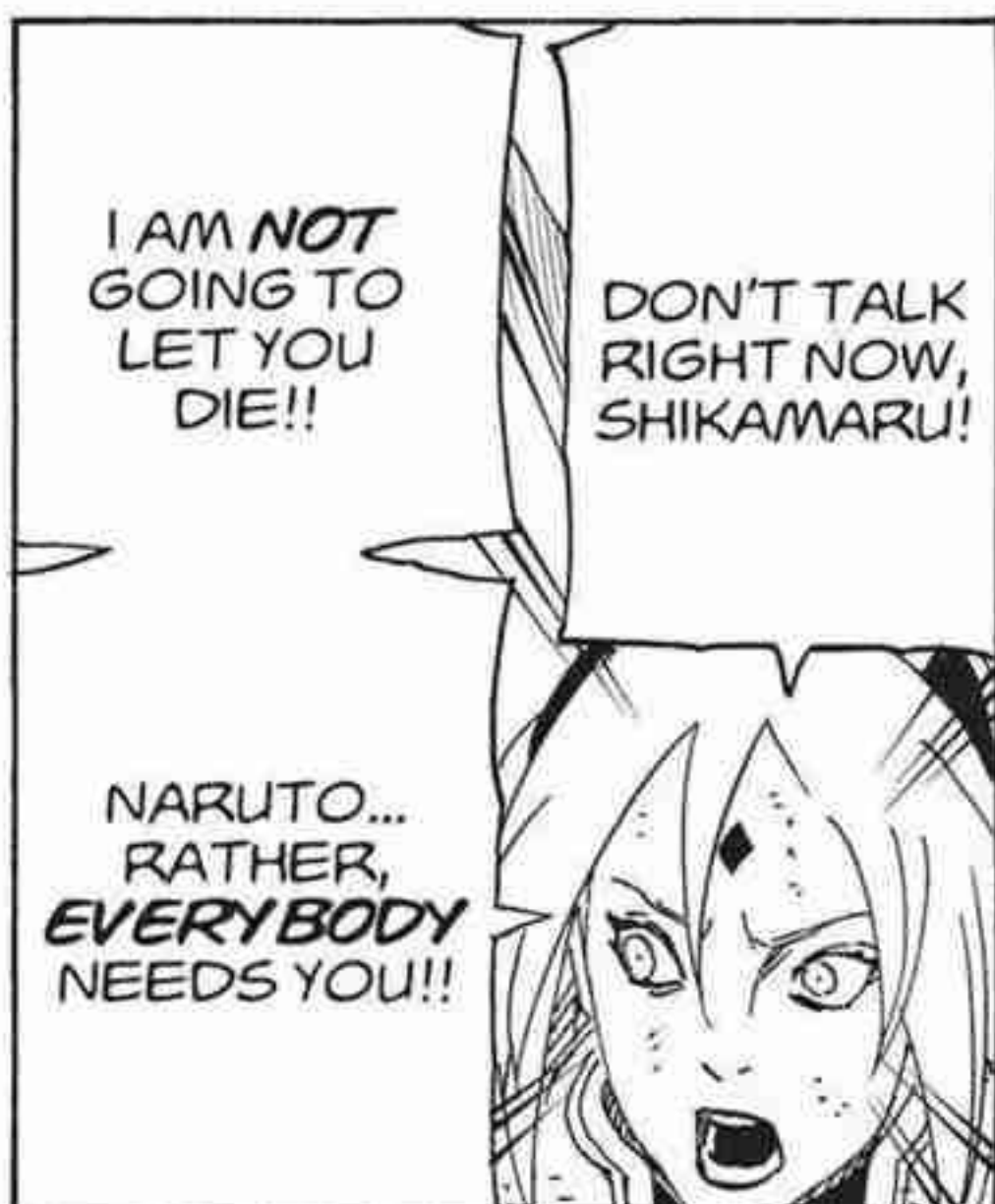
EVEN WHILE  
YOU FIGHT,  
YOU'RE ALSO  
HEALING  
YOUR  
COMRADES.



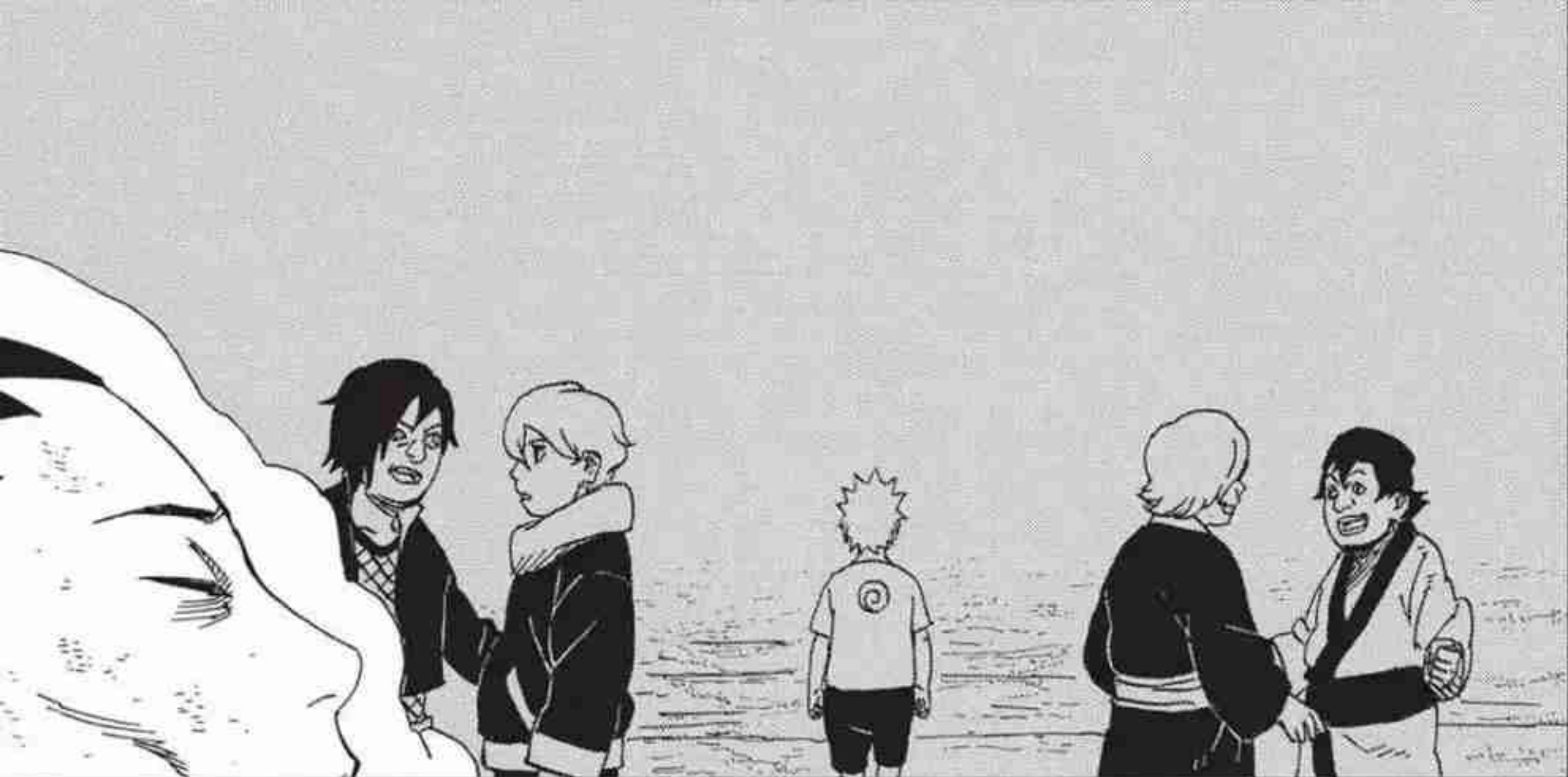
I CAN TELL  
BECAUSE OF  
MY MIND  
TRANSMISSION  
TECHNIQUE.

HIS CHAKRA IS  
ACTING ON ITS  
OWN, MERELY  
FROM HIS DEEP  
DESIRE TO  
HELP  
SHIKAMARU.









I DON'T WANT  
HIM TO EVER  
HAVE TO GO  
THROUGH  
THAT AGAIN,  
OR AT LEAST  
THAT'S HOW I  
FEEL WHEN  
HANGING  
AROUND HIM.



PA, I ONLY  
FOUND OUT  
LATER THAT  
NARUTO HAD  
PERSEVERED  
THROUGH A  
TON OF  
PAINFUL,  
BITTER  
THINGS ALL  
ON HIS OWN.



...HE MAKES  
ME WANT  
TO WALK  
WITH HIM, AT  
HIS SIDE...

WHEN  
I'M  
WITH  
NARU-  
TO...



HE'S GOING  
TO BECOME  
A VERY  
IMPORTANT  
SHINOBI TO  
THIS VILLAGE.

I RECALL  
ONCE  
SAYING  
TO YOU...

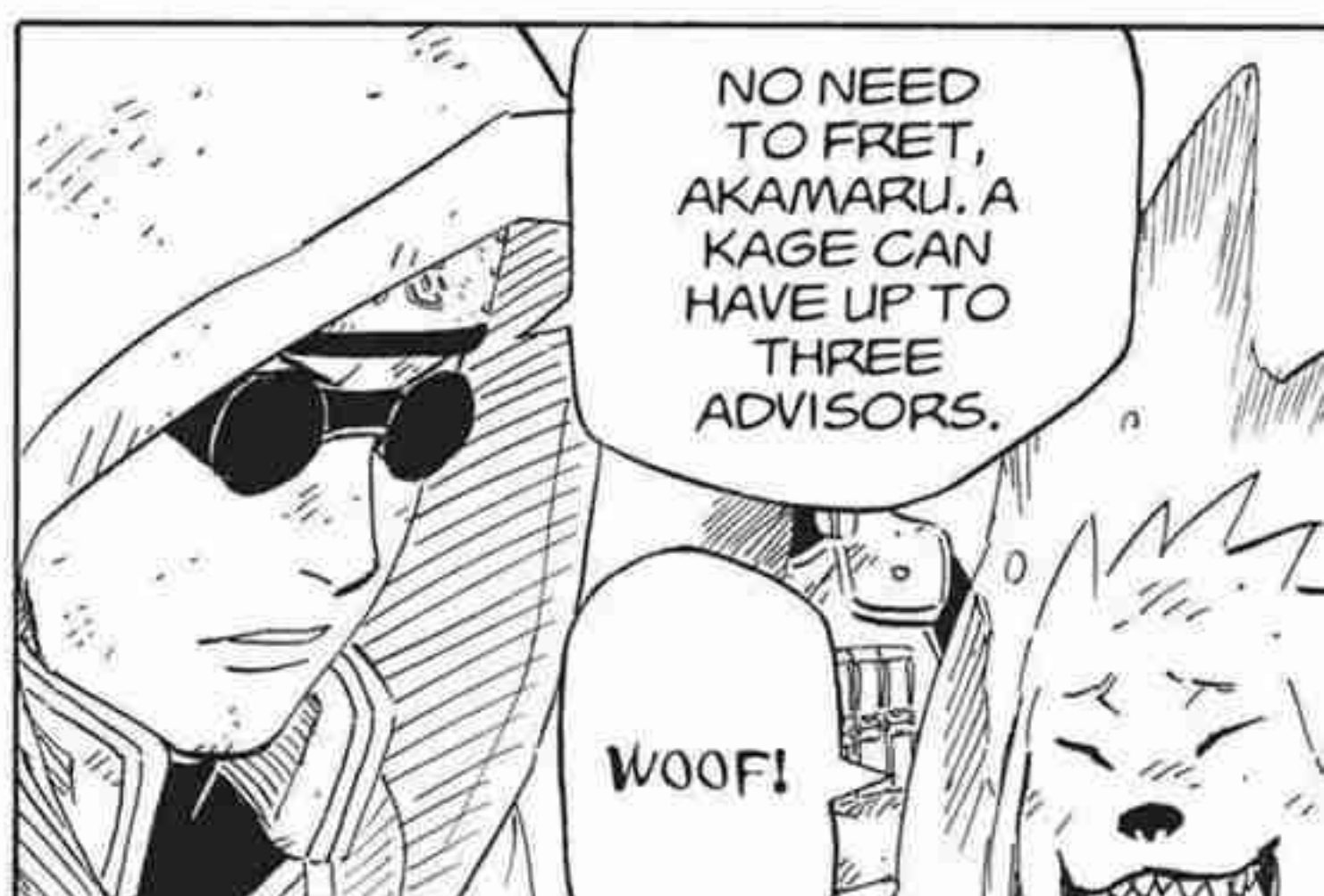




















...YOUR  
WILL OF  
FIRE!

**RAAAR!**



BUT YOUR  
HEART AND  
DREAM HAVE  
ALSO BEEN  
PASSED DOWN,  
EVEN BEYOND...

...YOUR  
GRAND-  
CHILDREN'S  
ERA,  
YES...



I AM  
THE  
TRUE  
LOSER  
HERE.

IT IS I  
WHO'VE  
DRAGGED  
THIS MESS  
INTO MY  
GRAND-  
CHILDREN'S  
ERA...



NO  
MATTER  
HOW TALL  
OR THICK  
IT IS...

...THIS TREE  
IS TINY  
COMPARED  
TO THE GREAT  
EARTH ITSELF!



LET'S CUT  
DOWN THIS  
GIANT TREE  
WHILE HE'S  
DISTRACTED  
BY HIS  
BATTLE!

ALL  
RIGHT!



**YUAAH!!**



AND THE  
GREAT EARTH,  
THIS LAND,  
IS ON  
**OUR SIDE!!**











YOUR PAST IS  
FILTERING  
INTO ME  
THROUGH THE  
OTHERS...



LET'S GO,  
LEE!!  
TENTEN!!

THE  
SPRINGTIME  
OF MY  
YOUTH  
HASN'T  
FADED  
YET!!



...HAS GIVEN  
EVERYONE'S  
HEARTS  
HOPE!

...AND  
YOUR  
WAY OF  
LIFE...



YOUR  
TEMPESTUOUS  
LIFE MADE YOU  
WHO YOU ARE...

UZUMAKI  
NARUTO, YOU  
ARE UNITING  
EVERYONE  
RIGHT NOW.



COME  
!!!

WE FIGHT  
FOR OUR  
FUTURE!











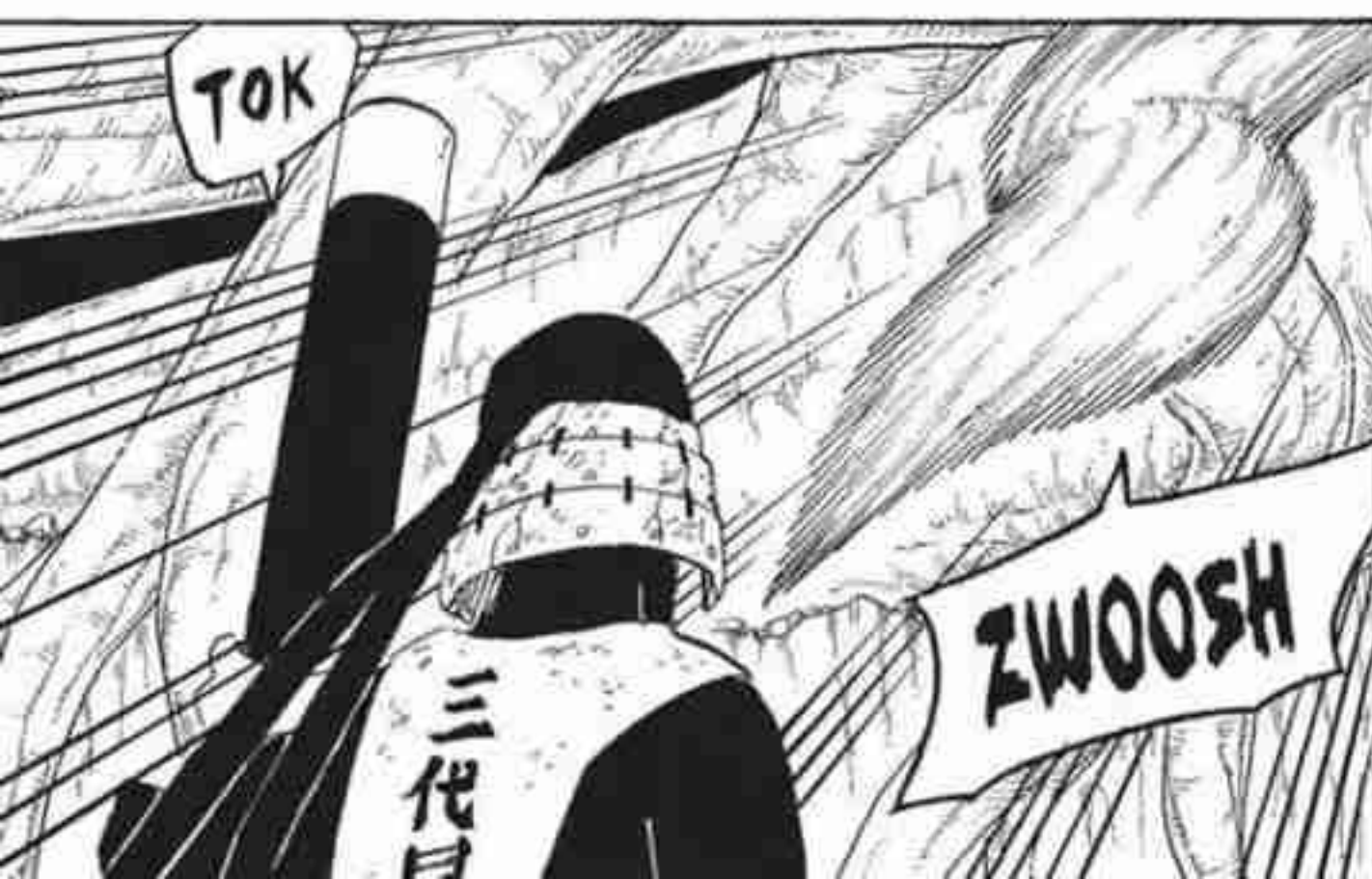




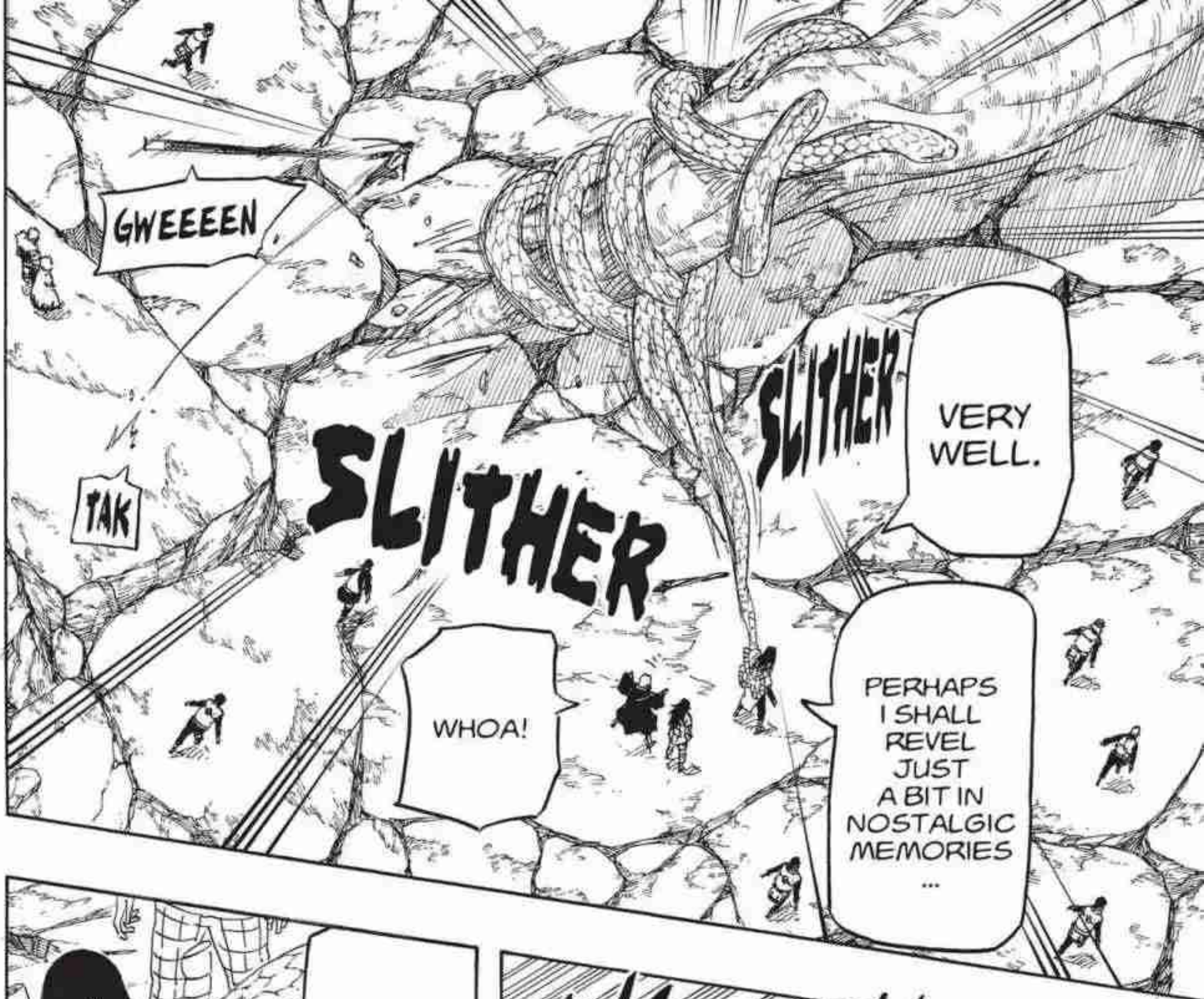
Number 650: Those Who Shall Sleep











GWEEEN

TAK

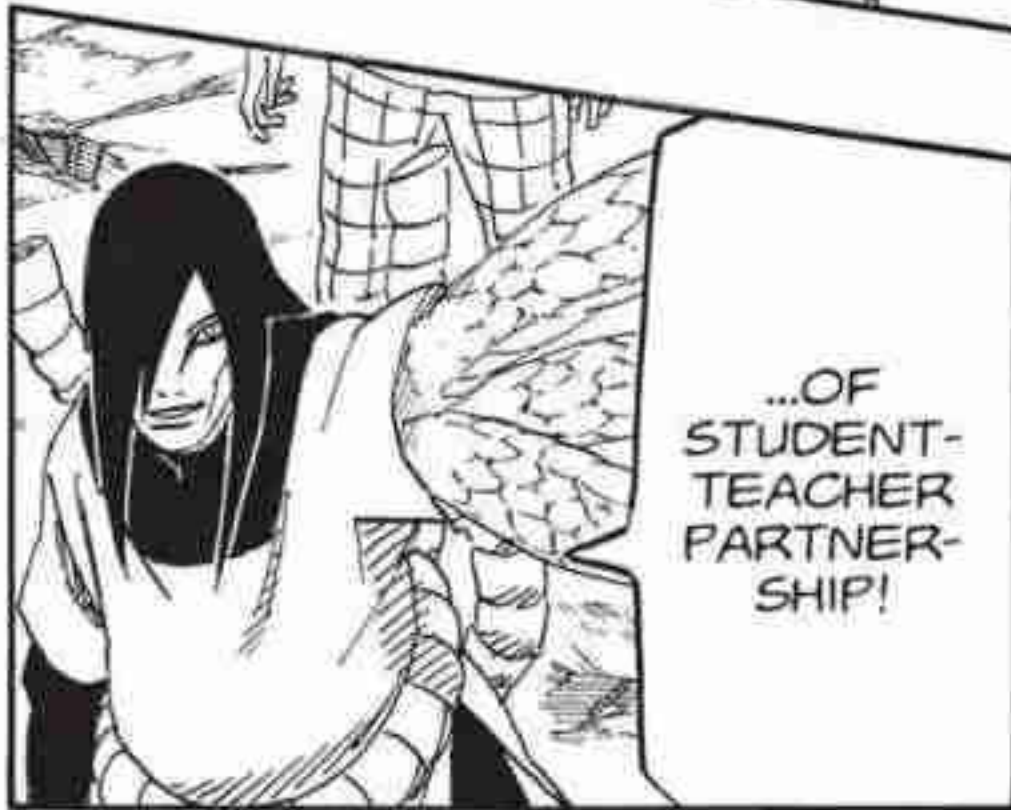
SLITHER

SLITHER

VERY WELL.

WHOA!

PERHAPS  
I SHALL  
REVEL  
JUST  
A BIT IN  
NOSTALGIC  
MEMORIES  
...



...OF  
STUDENT-  
TEACHER  
PARTNER-  
SHIP!



I'LL SHIFT  
TO A MORE  
OFFENSIVE  
FORM.

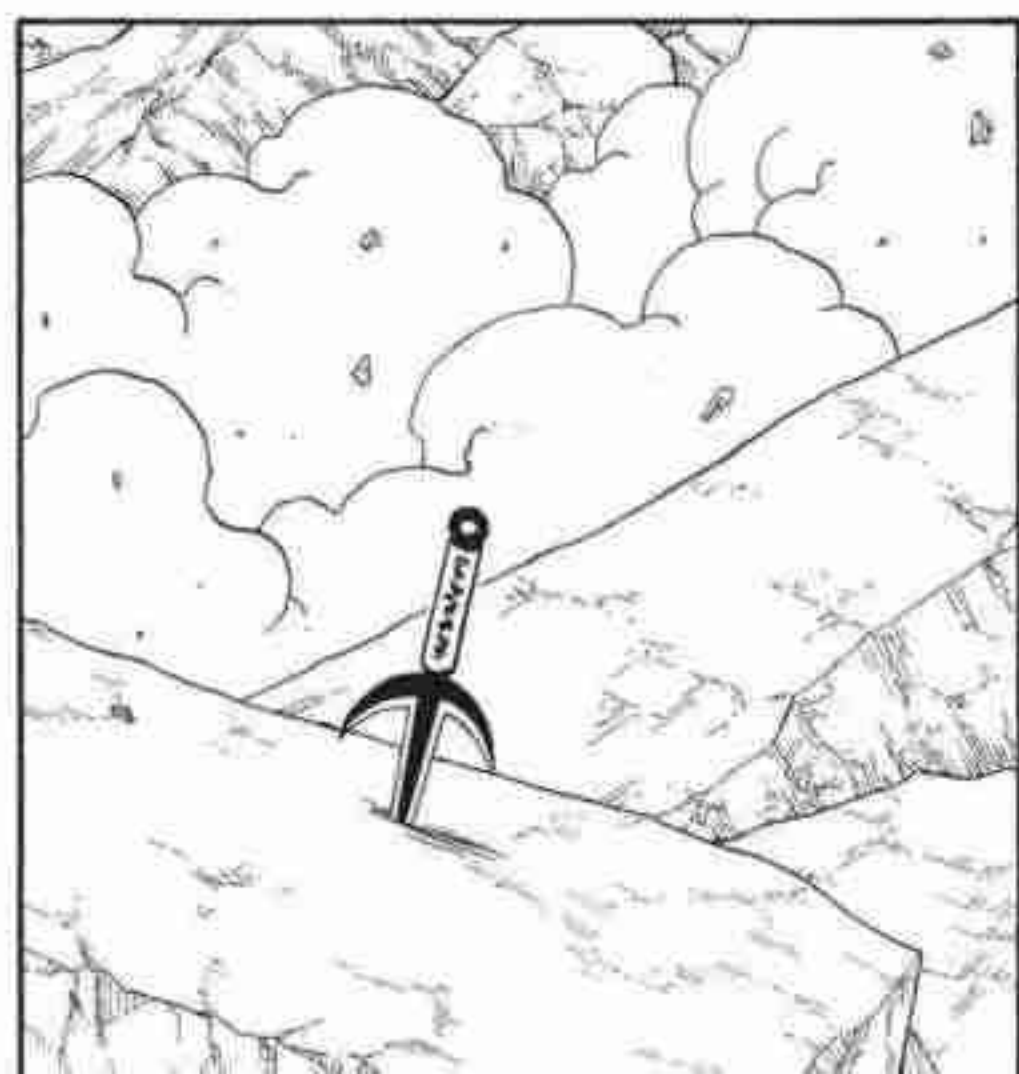


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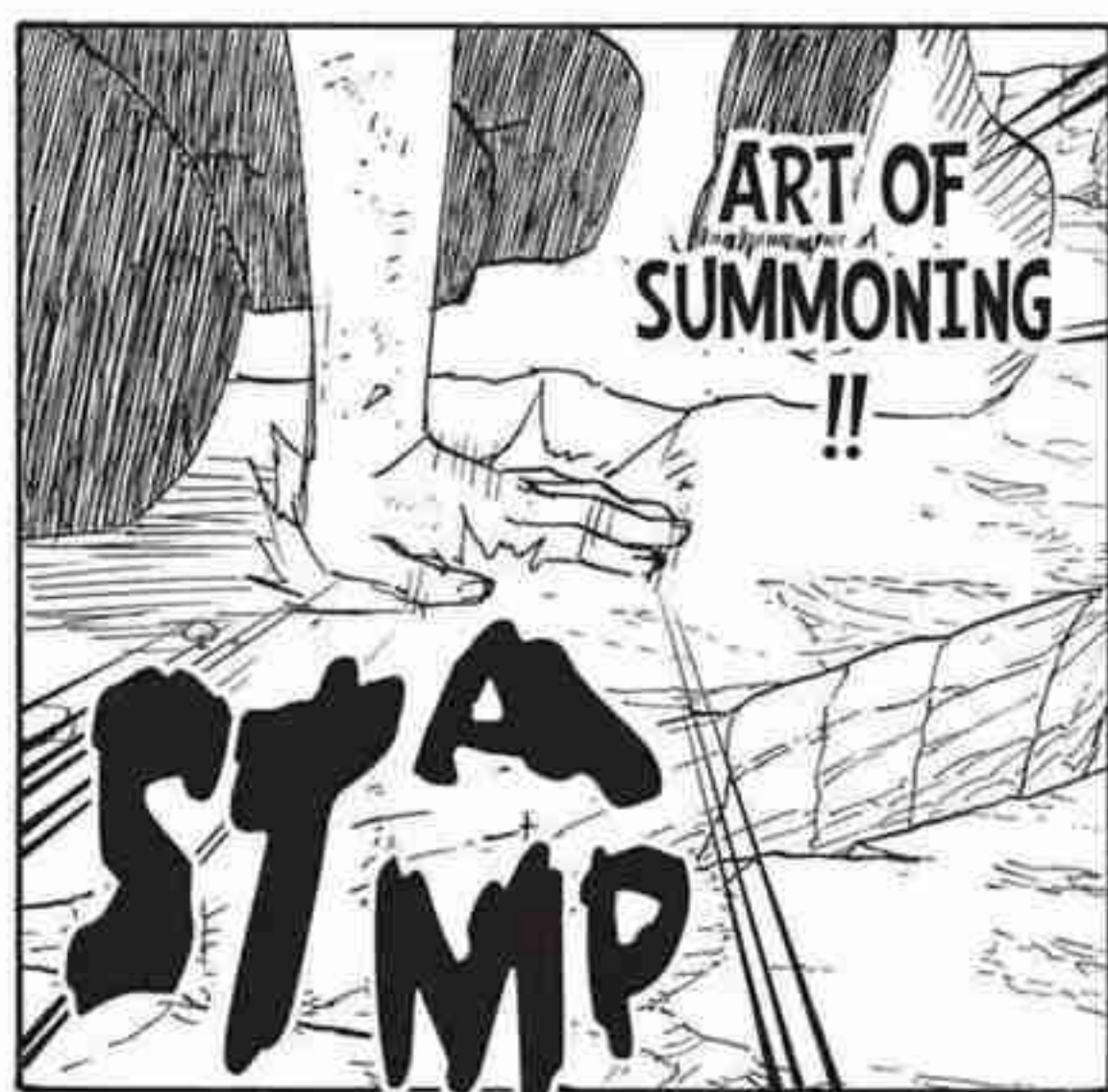
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KRA





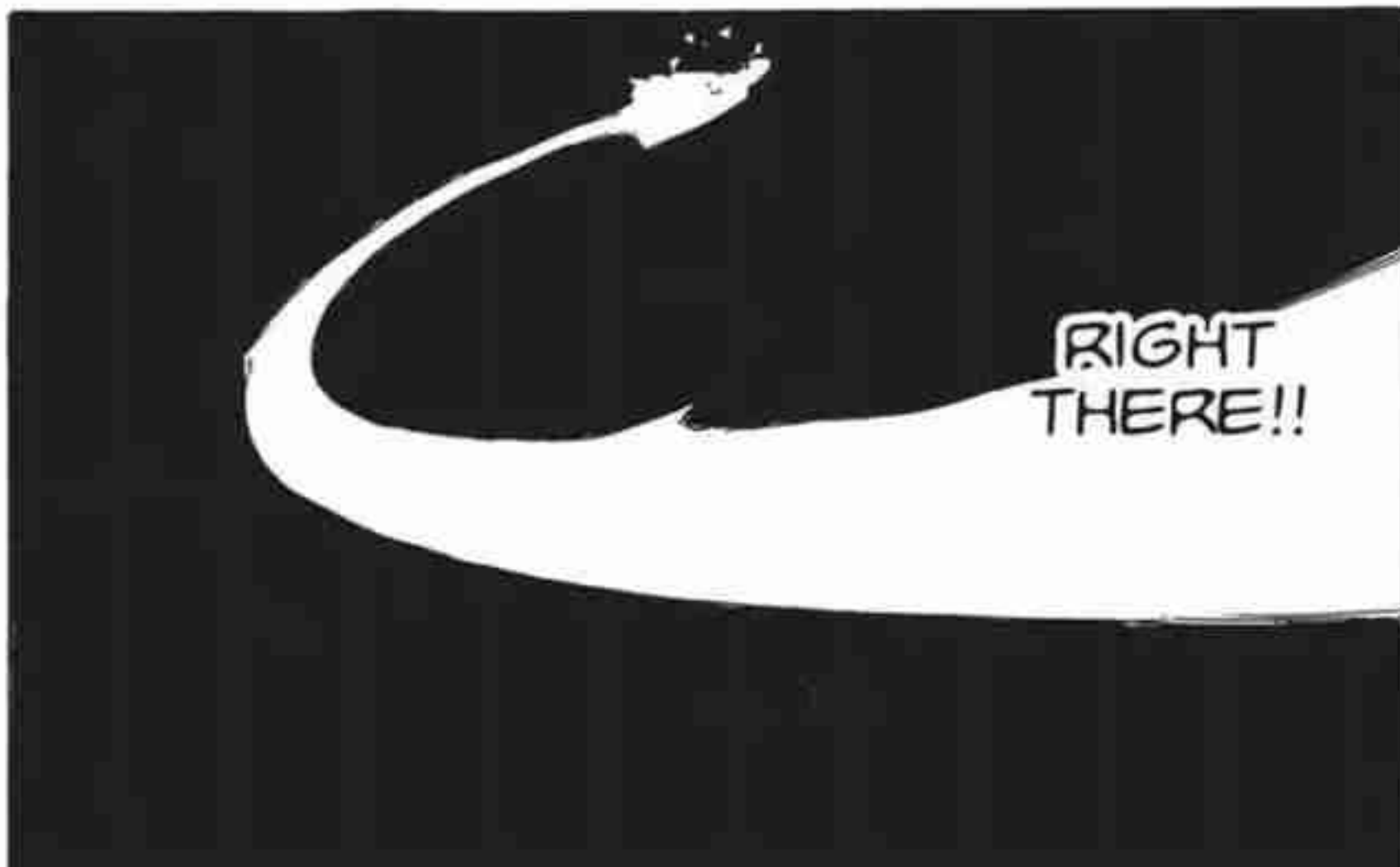
















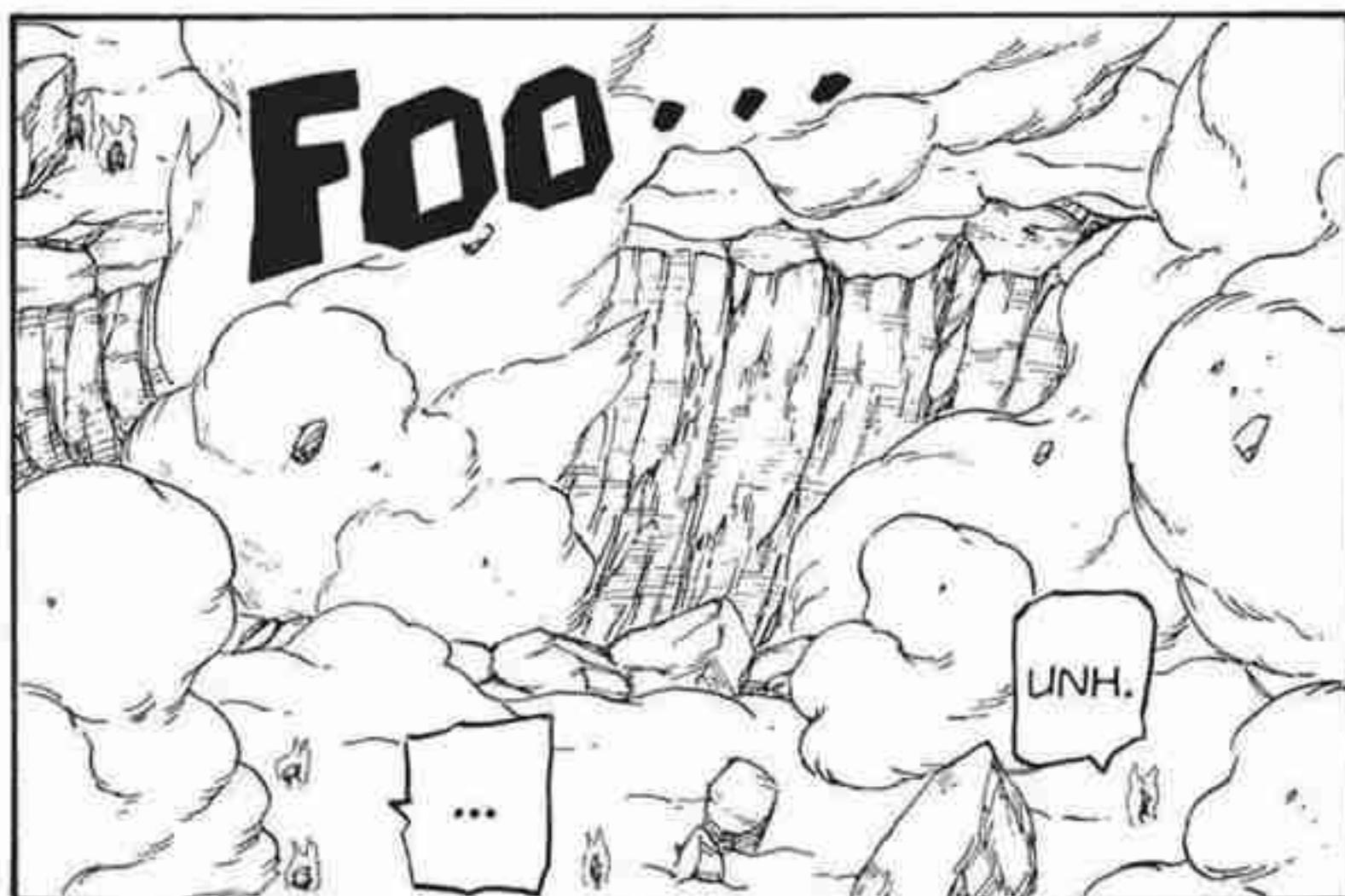
















WHY  
DO  
YOU  
GET  
UP?!

FOR YOUR  
COMRADES,  
OR FOR THIS  
WORLD?

AND WHAT  
EXACTLY  
ARE YOU  
FIGHTING  
FOR?



CUMULATING  
ANGUISH AND  
PAIN **WILL**  
EVENTUALLY  
CHANGE YOU.

YOU  
AND I  
ARE  
THE  
SAME.

AND VERY  
SHORTLY,  
ADDITIONAL  
SUFFERING  
SHALL  
ASSAULT YOU.



YOU  
SHOULD  
KNOW!  
YOU'VE  
EXPERI-  
ENCED IT  
YOURSELF!

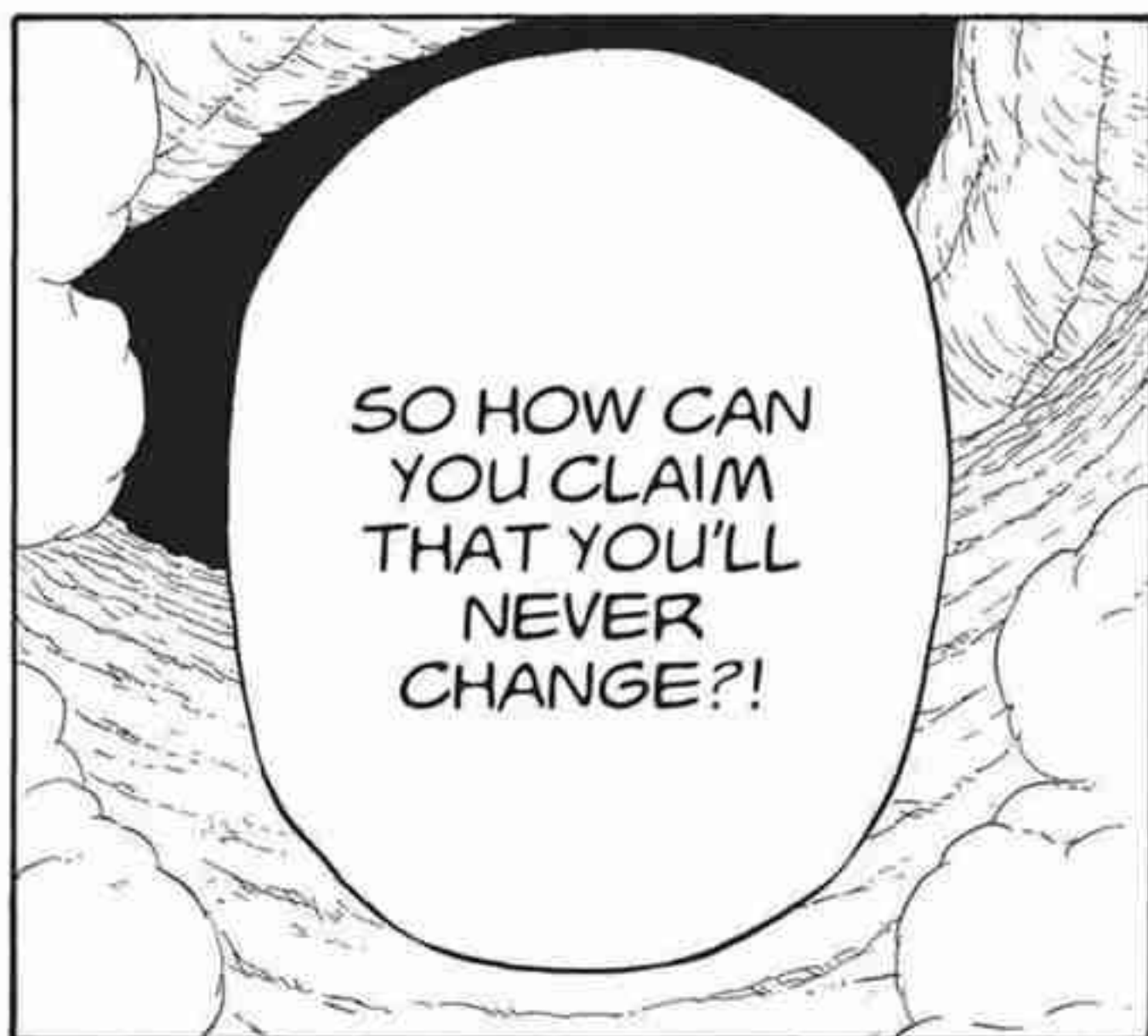
LISTEN,  
COMRADES  
EVENTUALLY  
BETRAY YOU,  
AND **THIS**  
WORLD  
TRANSFORMS  
LOVE INTO  
HATRED.



...AND  
JIRAIYA'S  
LOVE  
CONFERRED  
HATE UPON  
YOU.

KONOHA  
VILLAGERS  
AND SASUKE  
BOTH HAVE  
BETRAYED YOU  
IN THE PAST...









WE'LL SLEEP  
TOMORROW,  
DREAMING  
OUR OWN  
DREAMS!!!



I NEVER GO  
BACK ON  
MY WORD.

THAT'S MY  
SHINOBI  
WAY!



LET'S  
SETTLE  
THIS WITH  
OUR NEXT  
MOVE,  
NARUTO.

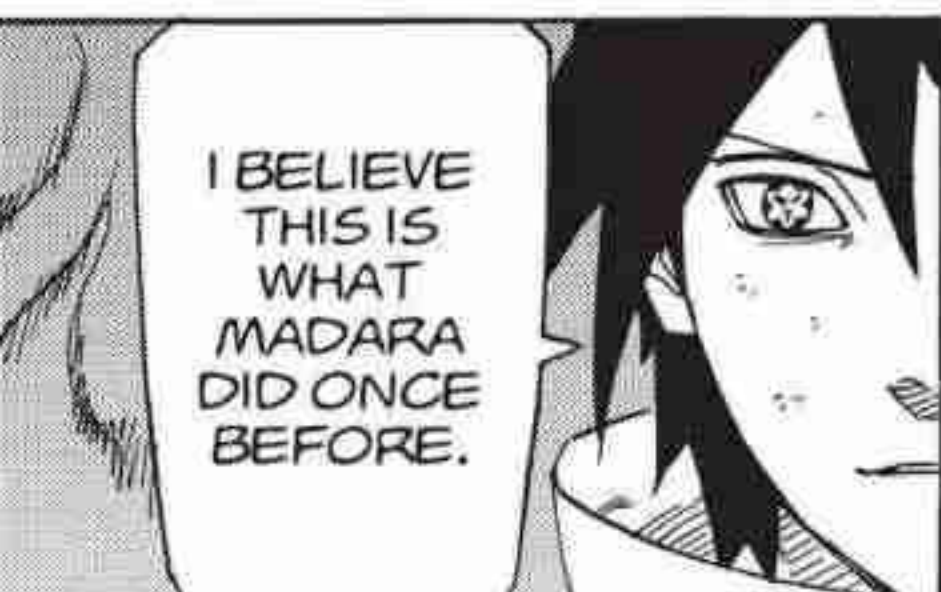
YEAH!

SH





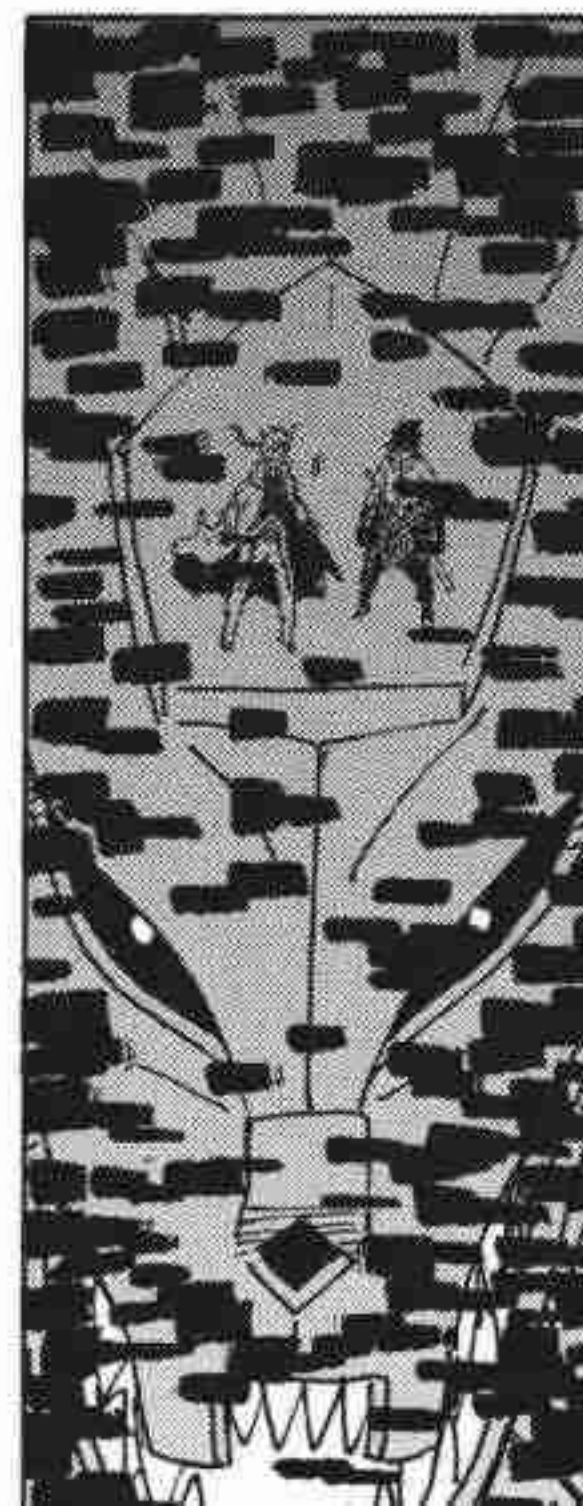
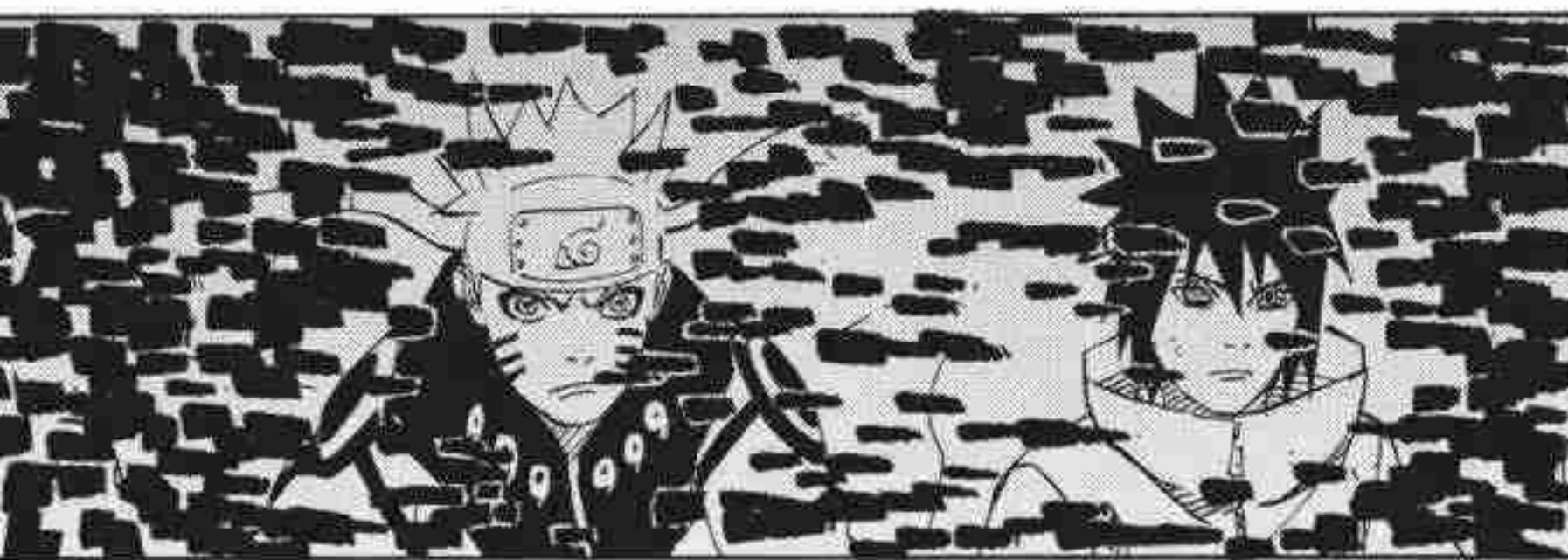
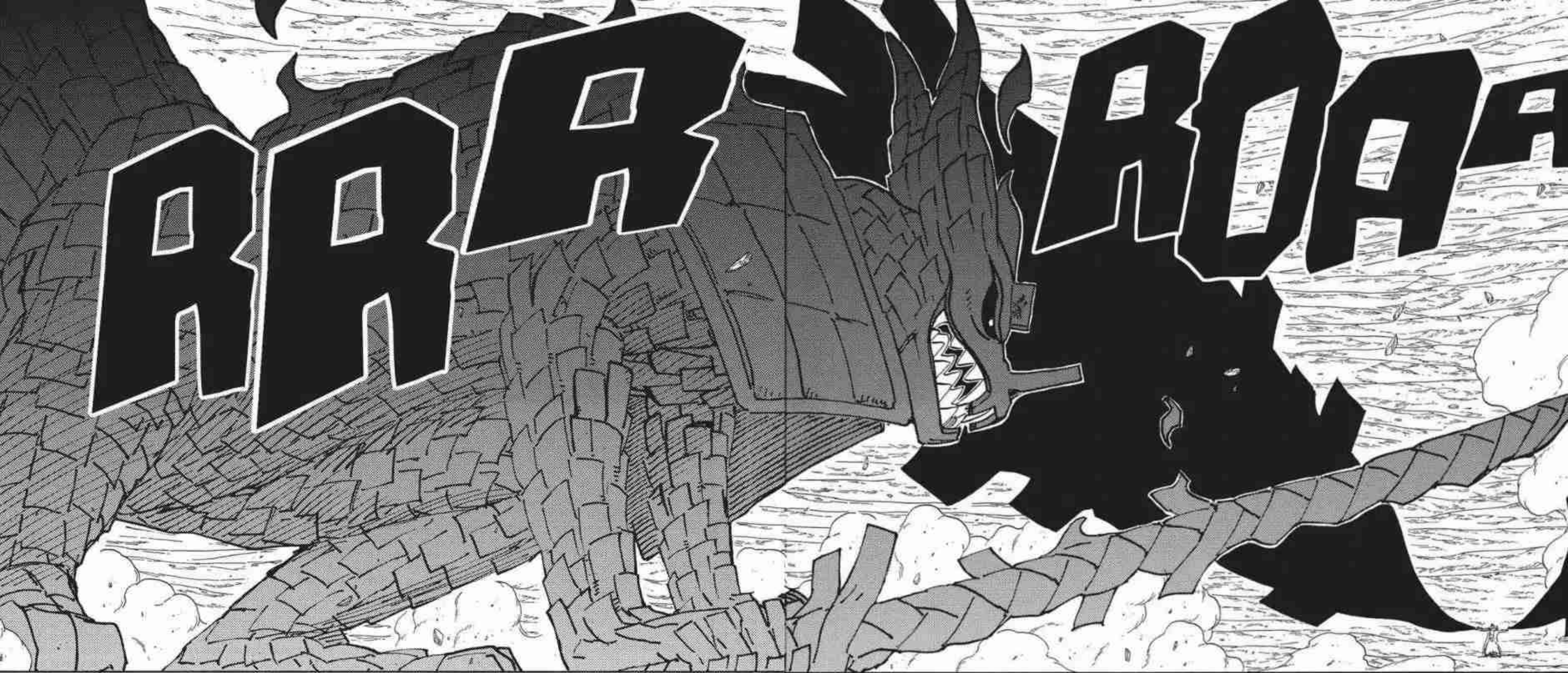




 Number 651: That Which Fills the Hole











ZWP...

NOTHING  
YOU TRY  
NOW WILL  
CHANGE  
ANYTHING.

S  
W  
O  
O  
O



THE  
MOON.

THE TIME  
TO HEAD  
TO THE  
MOONLIT  
DREAM  
WORLD  
NEARS.



LOOK  
ABOVE  
YOU.

WHAT DO  
YOU SEE  
THROUGH  
THE HOLE  
AT THE  
TOP OF  
THIS  
THING?

...



IT'S  
RESONAT-  
ING...

I CAN  
SEE  
WHAT  
OBITO  
SEES,  
HEAR HIS  
VOICE...





LOOK AT  
ME!!  
THERE IS  
NOTHING  
IN MY  
HEART!!

I DON'T  
EVEN  
FEEL  
PAIN!!



...THIS  
GAPING  
HOLE OF  
HELL!

IT'S FINALLY  
TIME FOR  
THE MOON'S  
DREAMS TO  
BURY...



THIS SWORD  
IS THE SAGE  
OF SIX PATHS'  
DIVINE  
BLADE, THE  
NUNOBOKO.

YOU CAN NO  
LONGER WIN  
AGAINST ME.

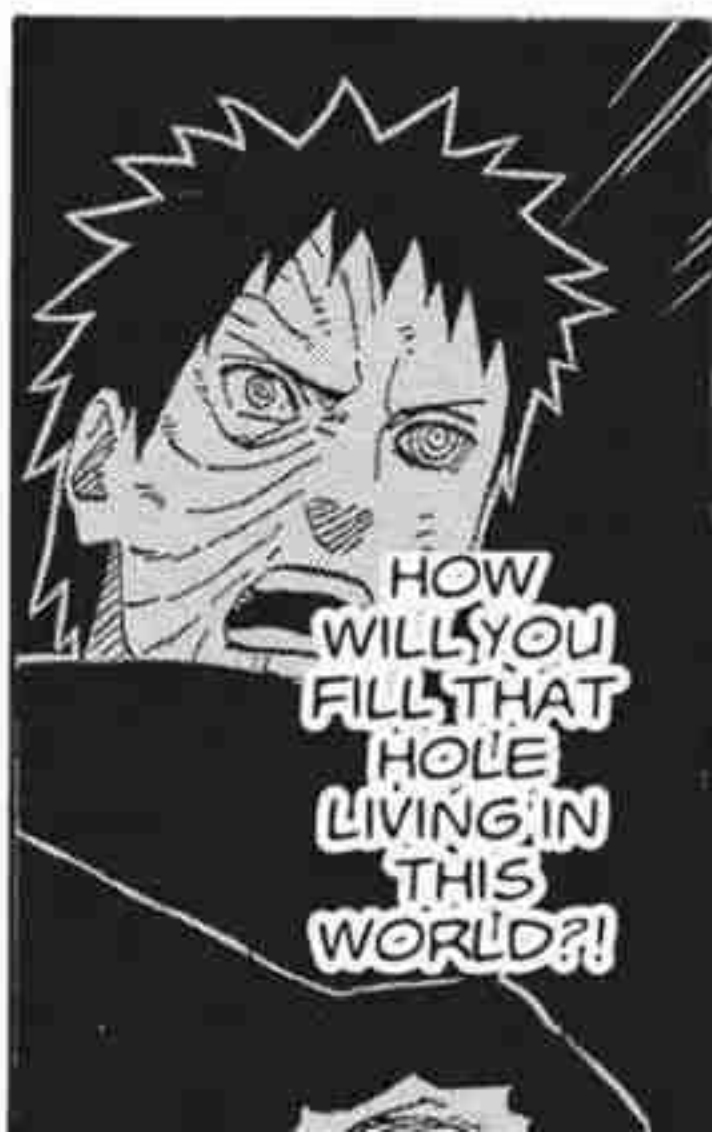


THIS HOLE  
IS ONLY  
GOING TO  
KEEP  
WIDENING.

REALITY  
IS  
CRUEL...



...OBITO...

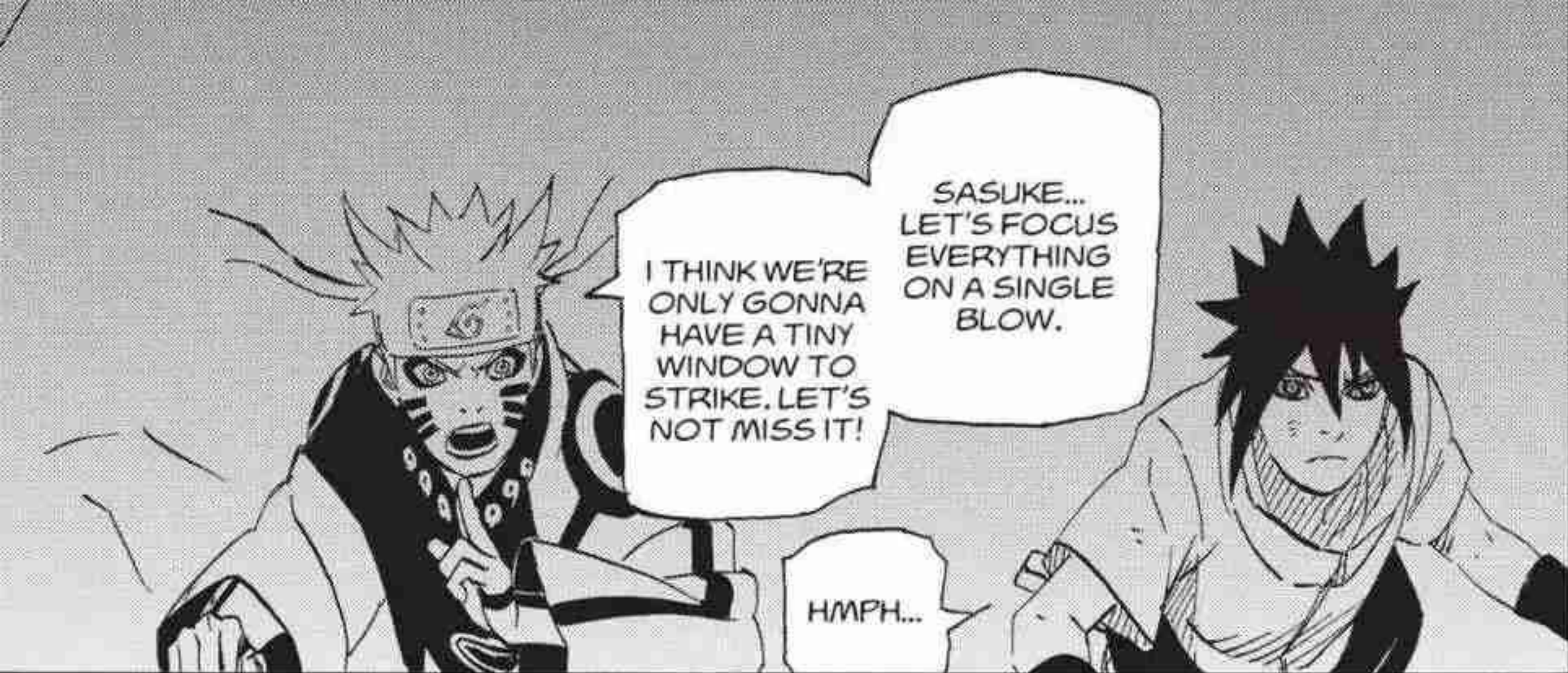


HOW  
WILL YOU  
FILL THAT  
HOLE  
LIVING IN  
THIS  
WORLD?!





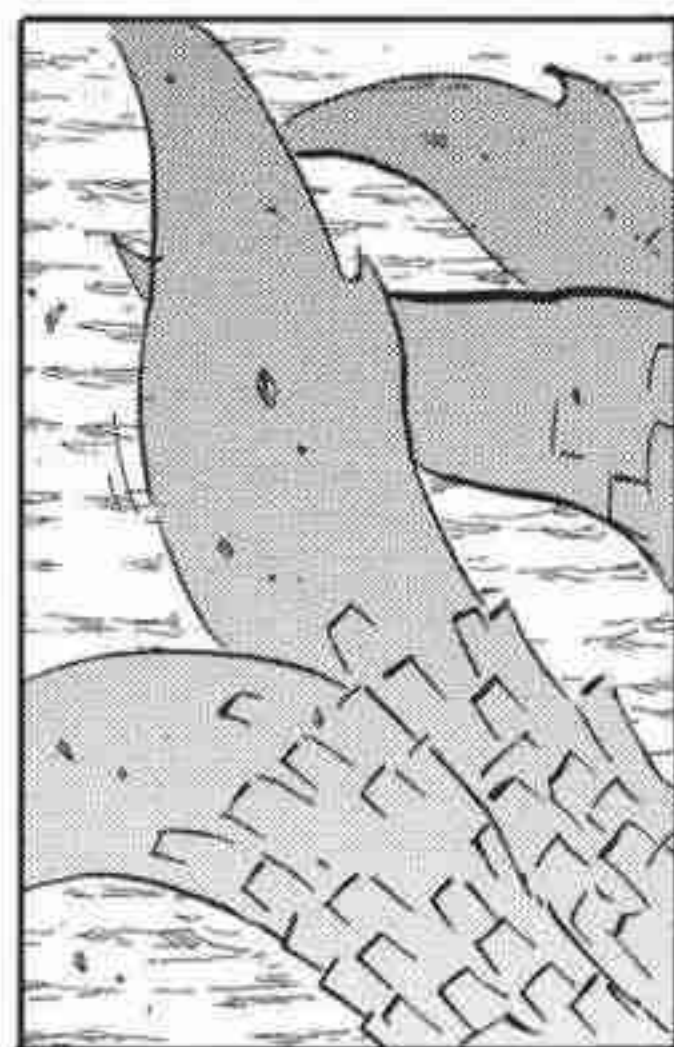
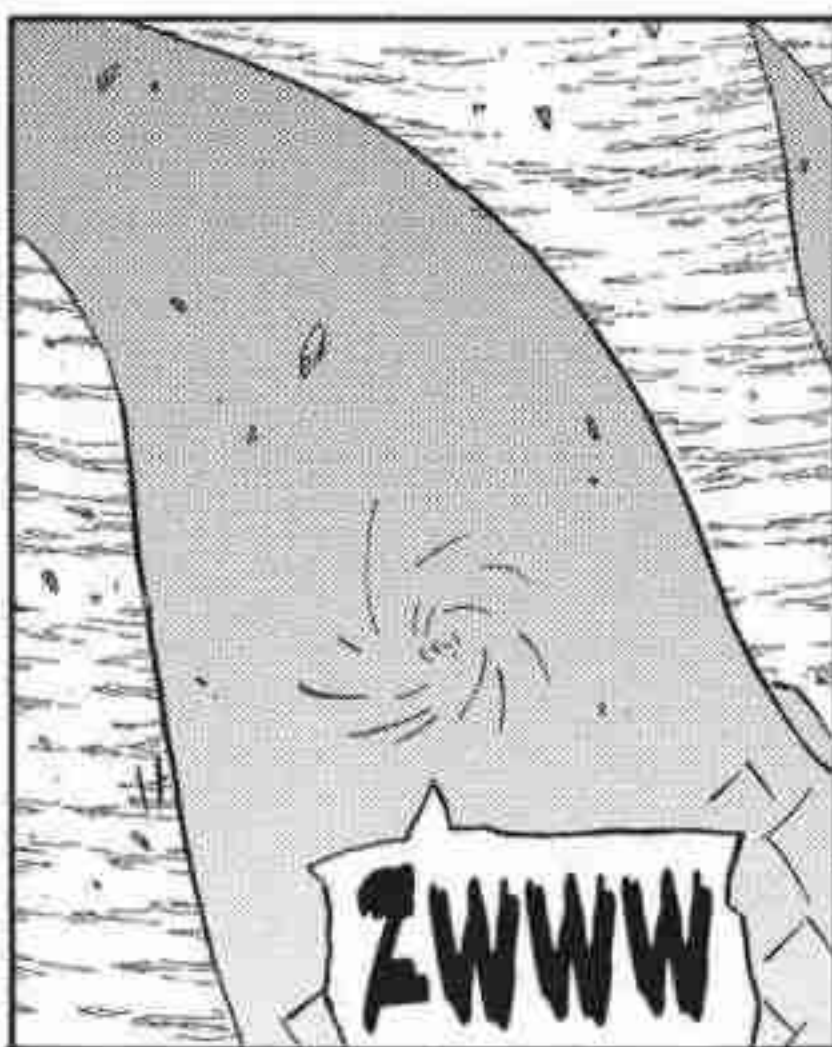




I THINK WE'RE  
ONLY GONNA  
HAVE A TINY  
WINDOW TO  
STRIKE. LET'S  
NOT MISS IT!

SASUKE...  
LET'S FOCUS  
EVERYTHING  
ON A SINGLE  
BLOW.

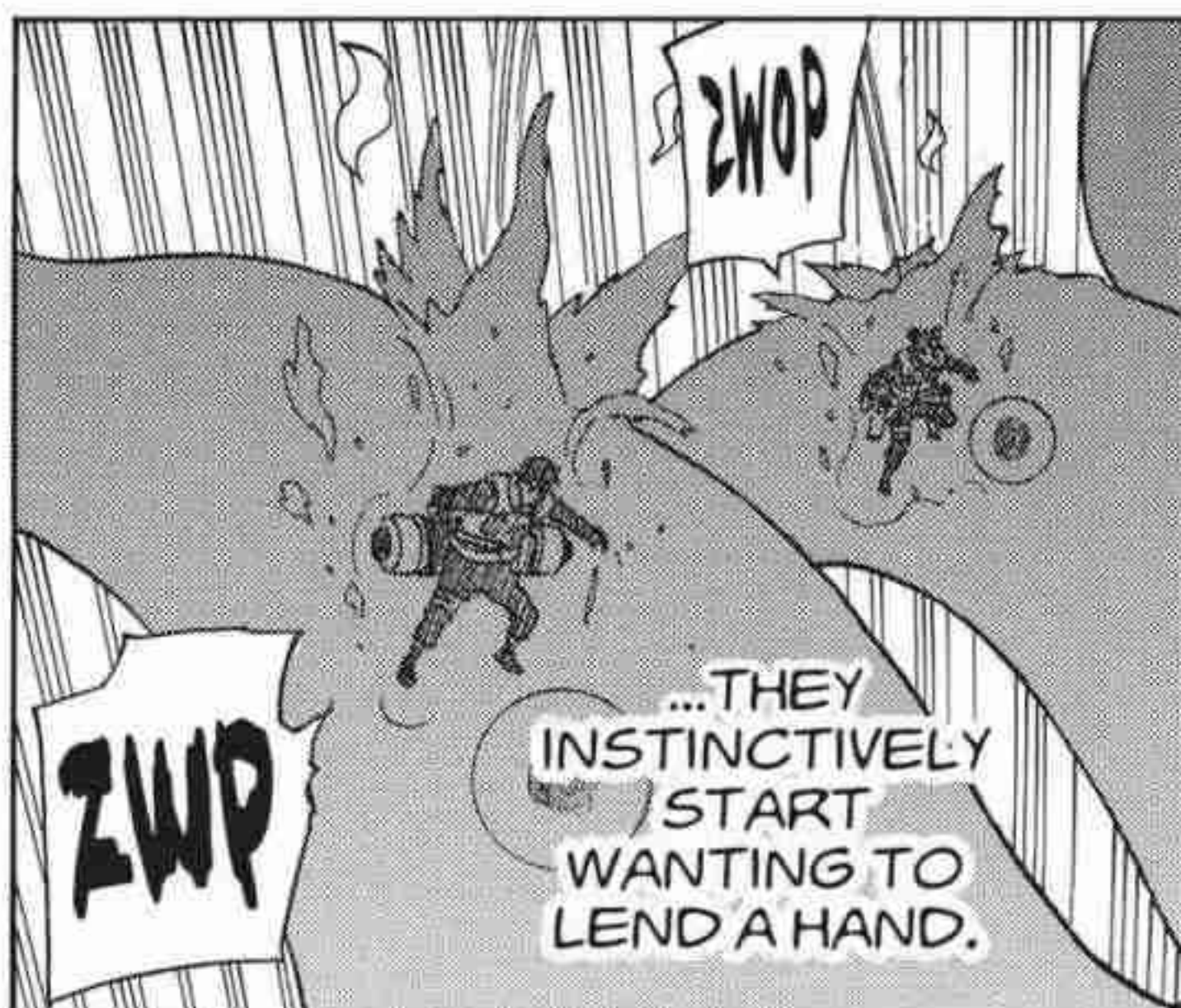
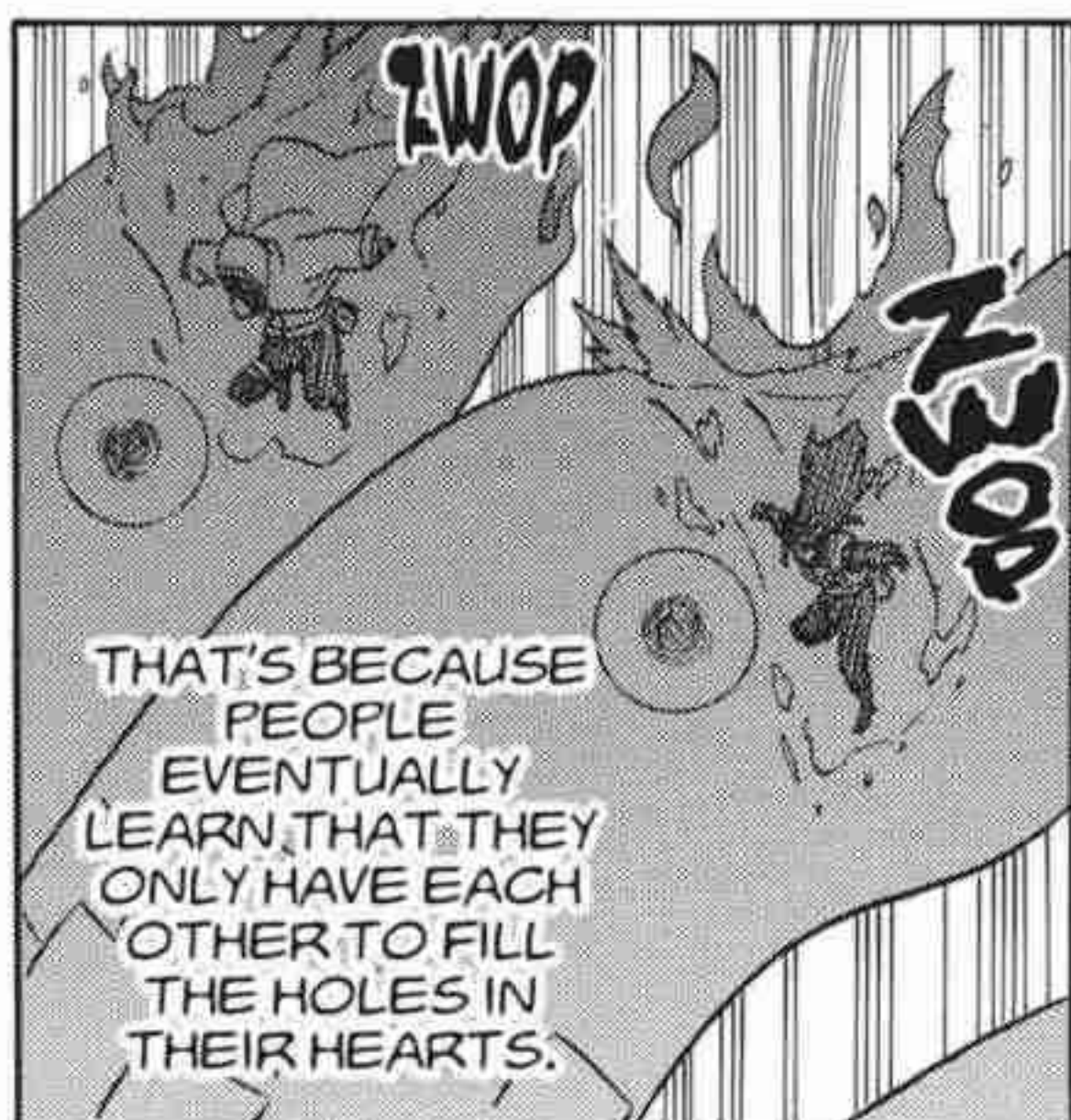
HMPH...



AND I'LL  
USE IT TO  
**OBLITERATE**  
THIS WORLD!

**TA**









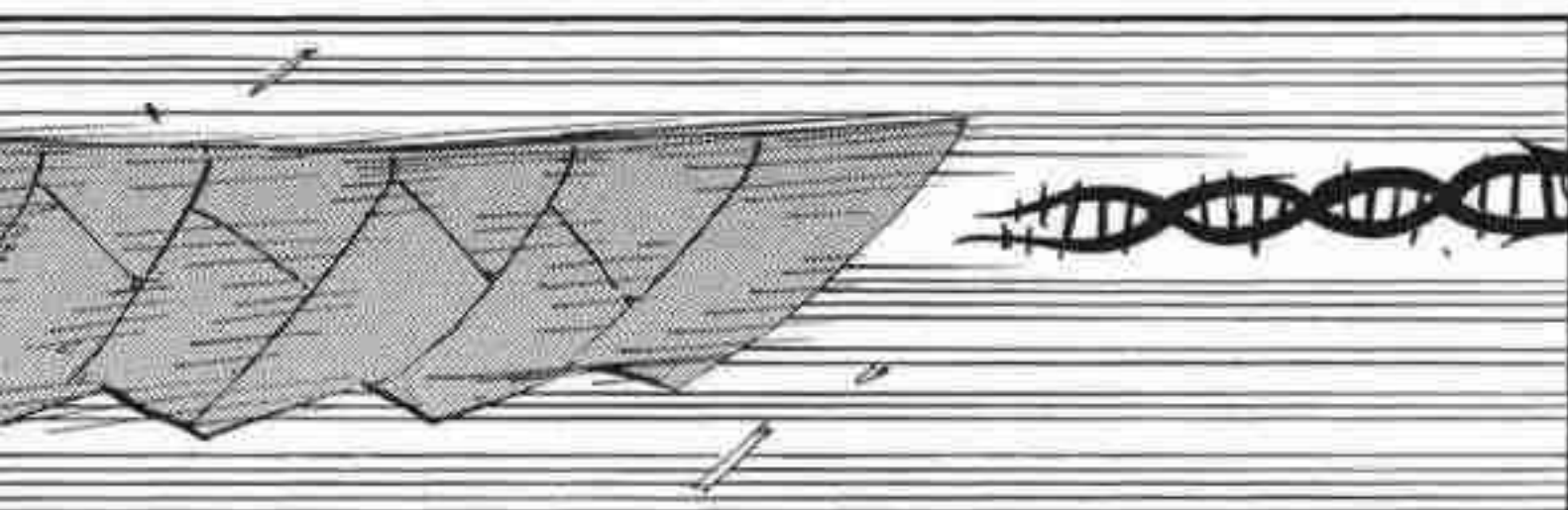
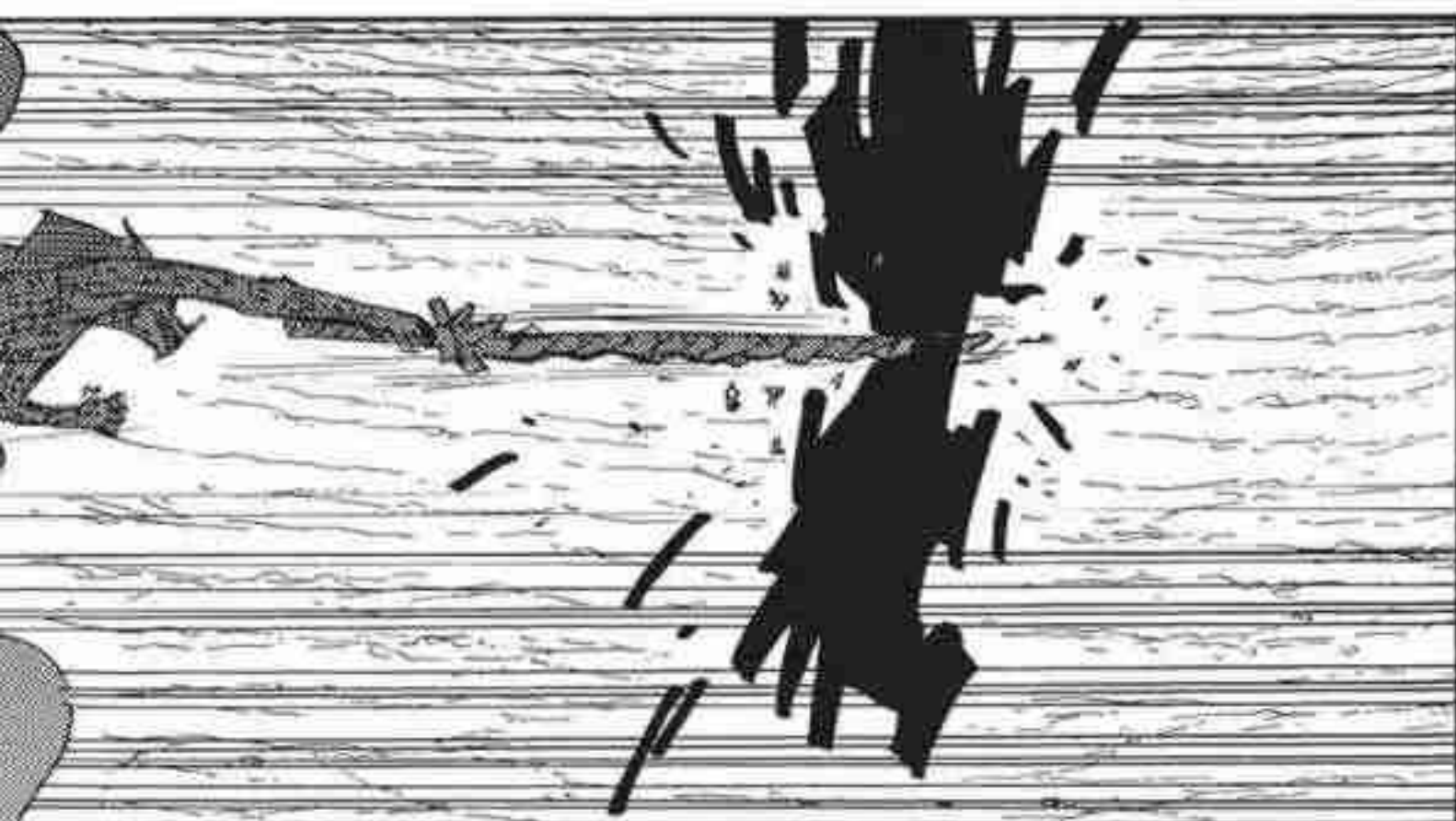
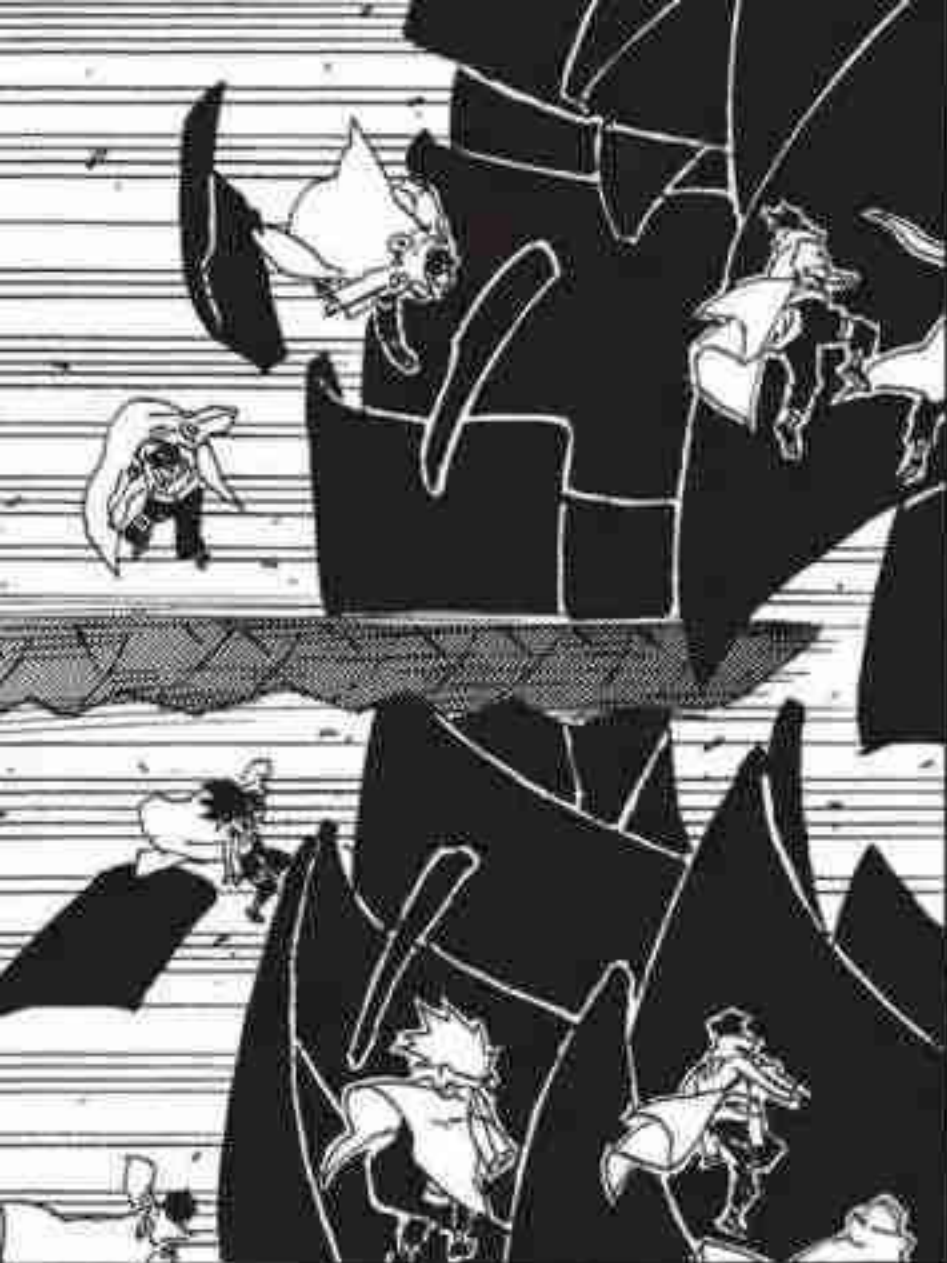




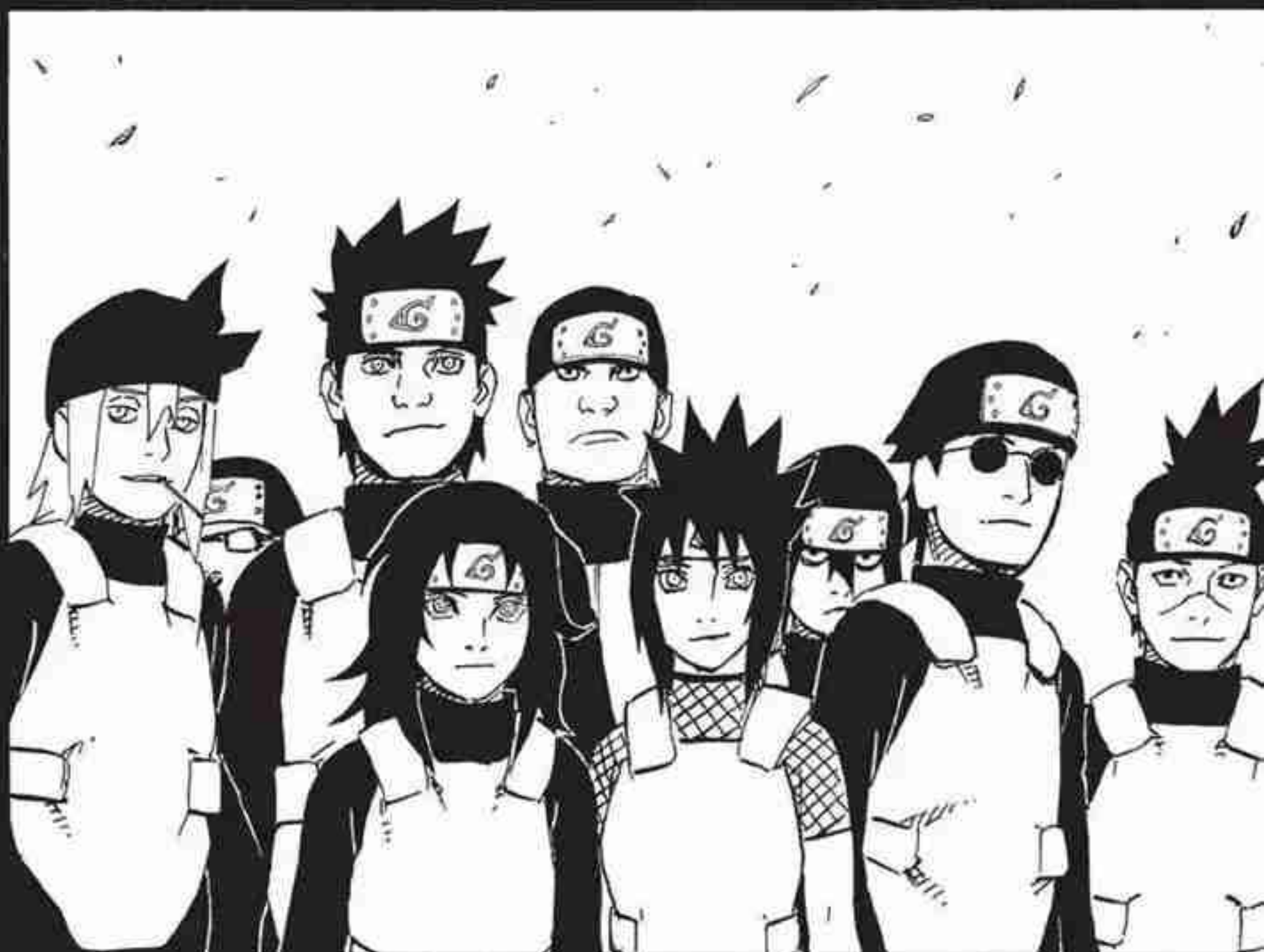




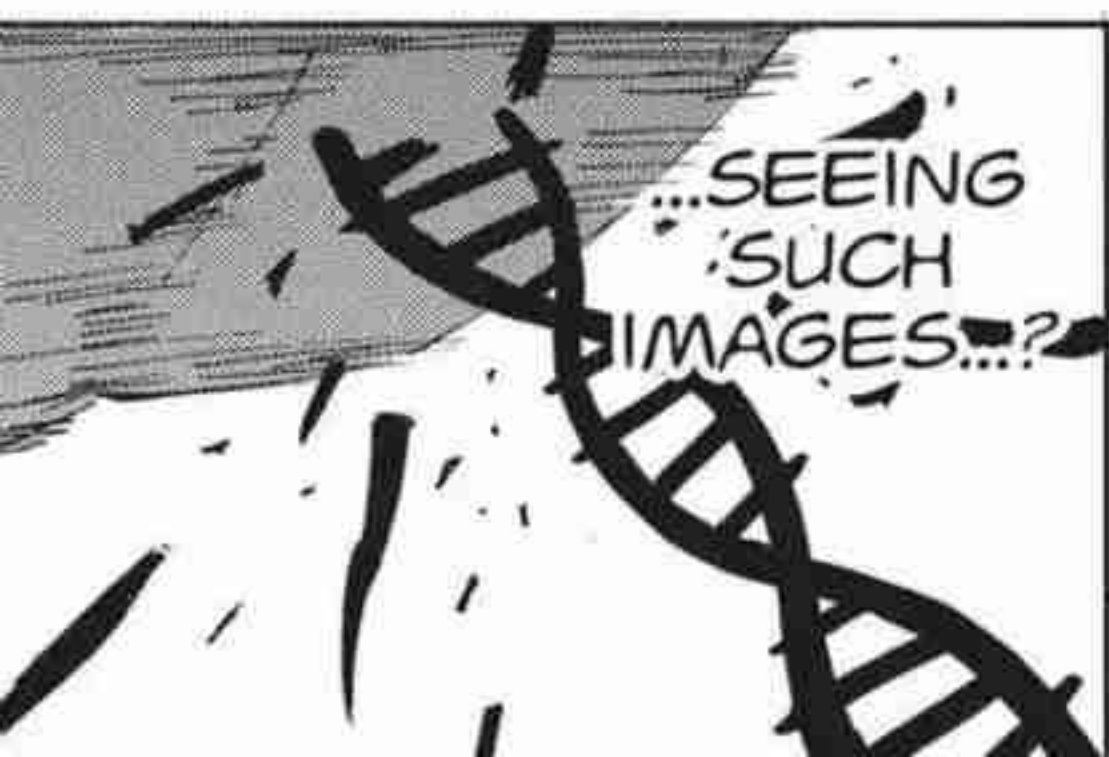
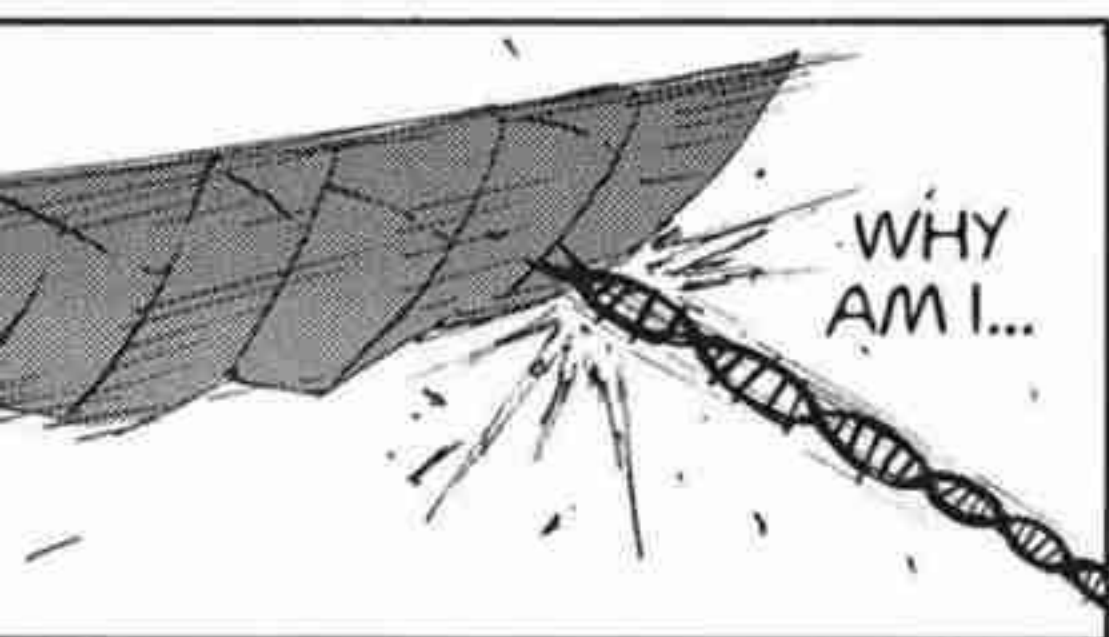












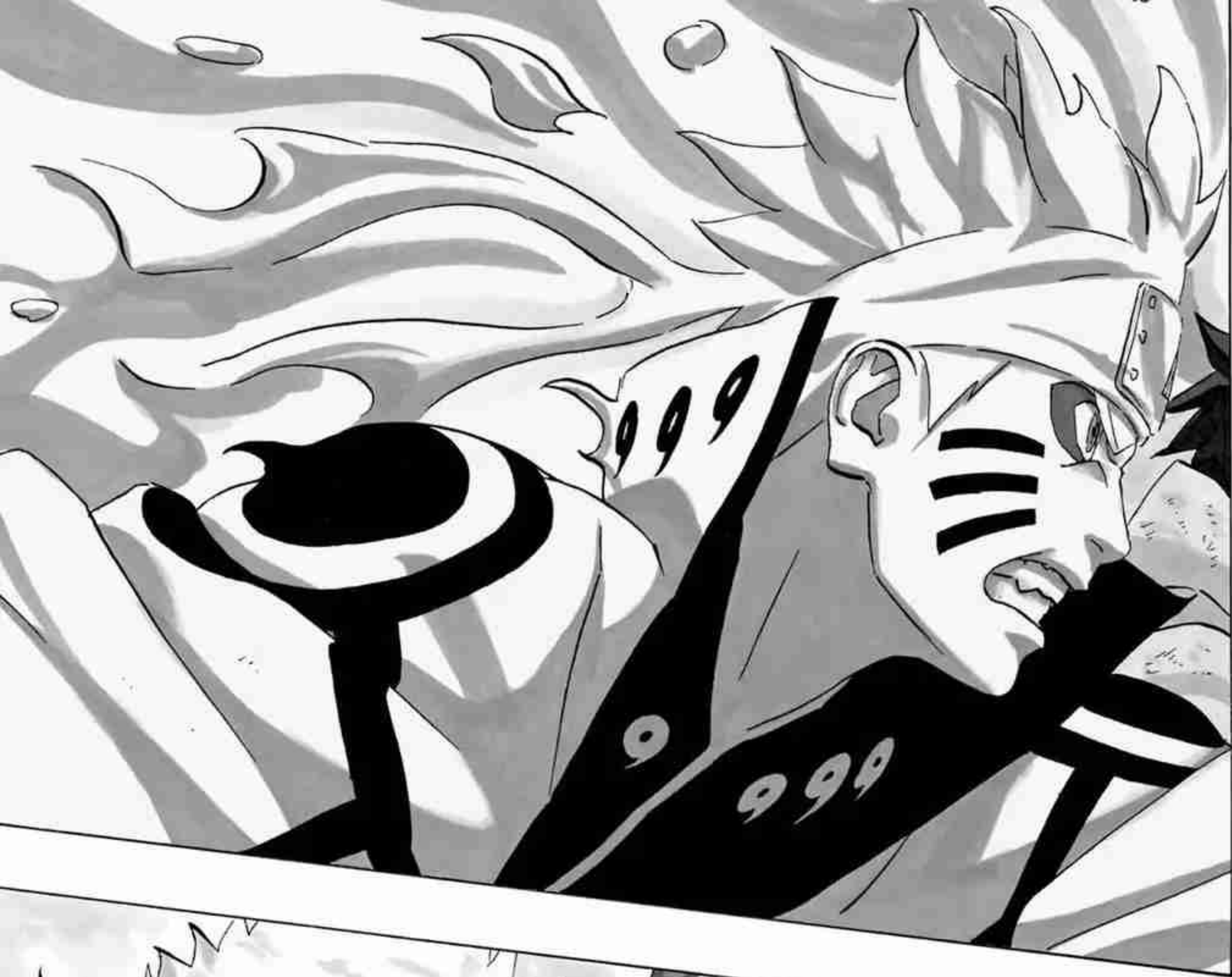
















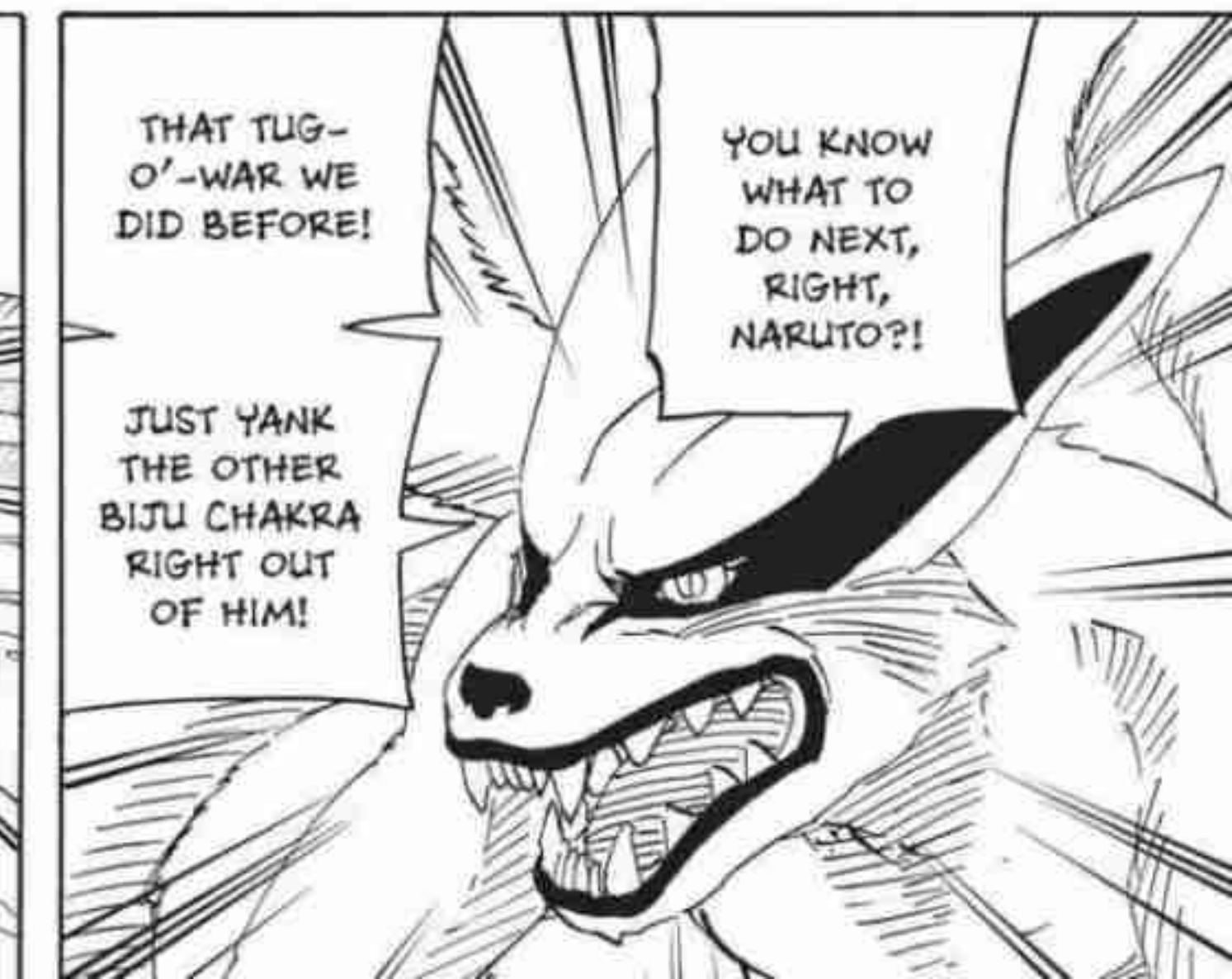
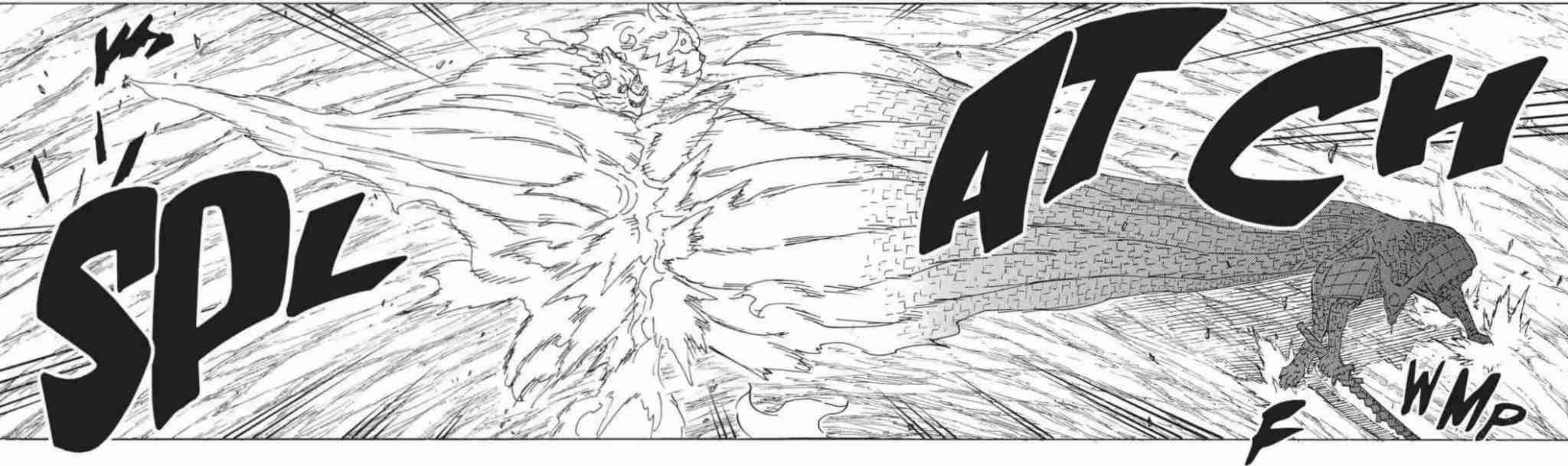
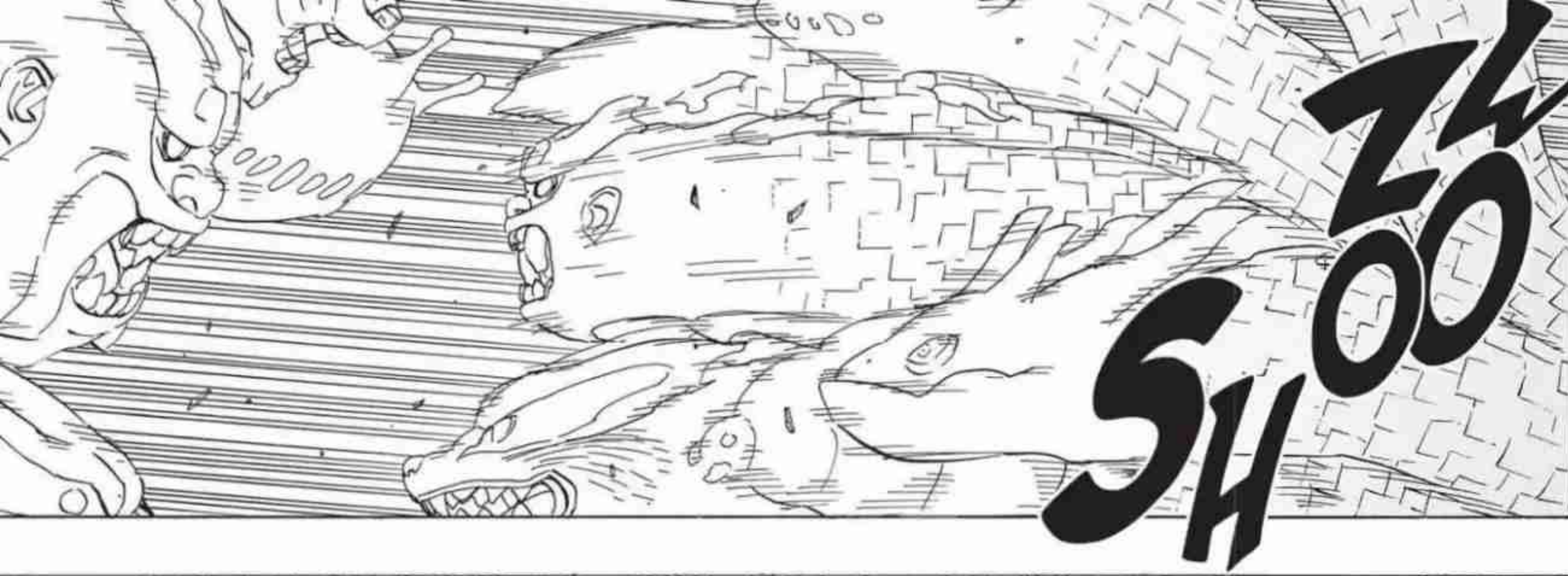












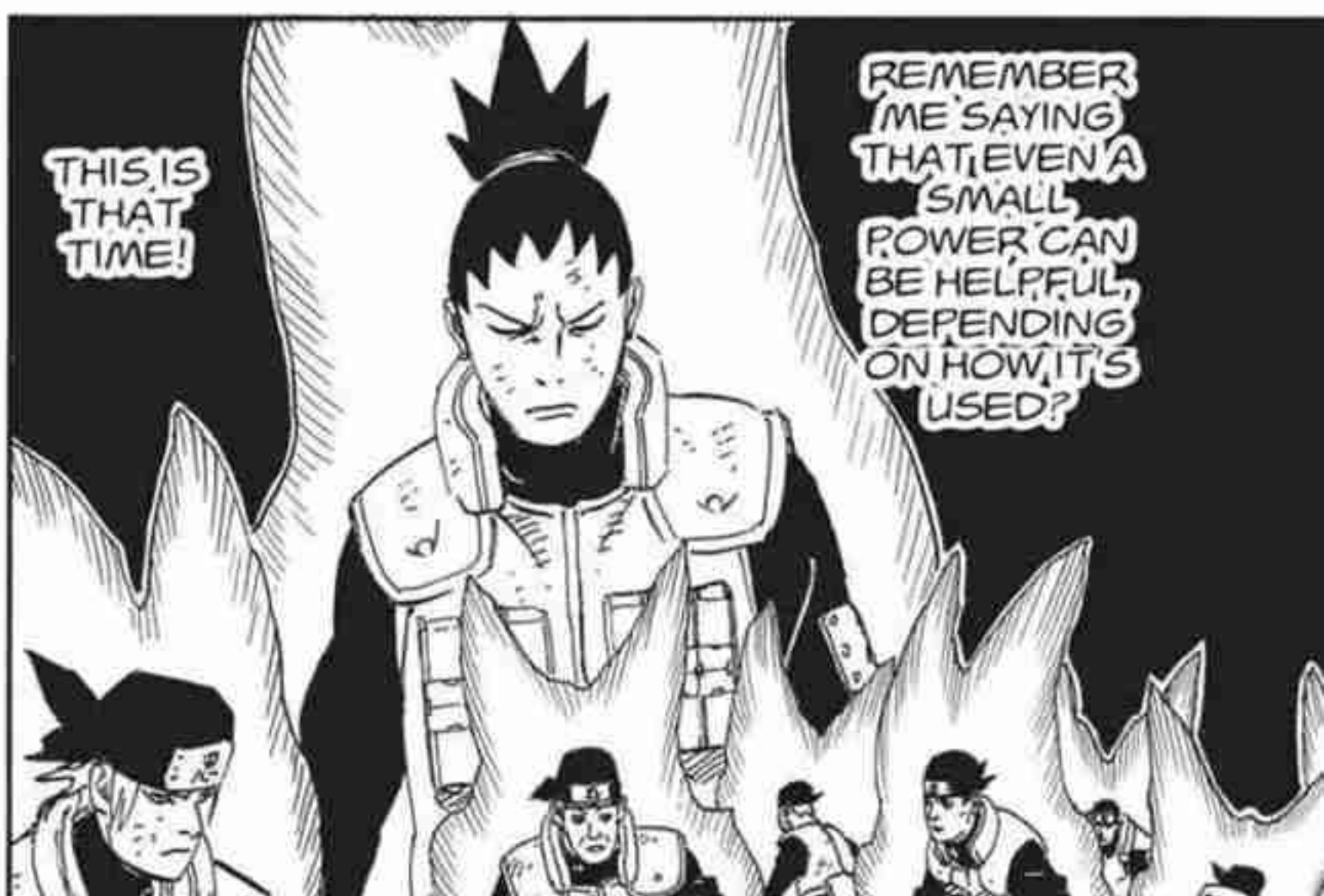
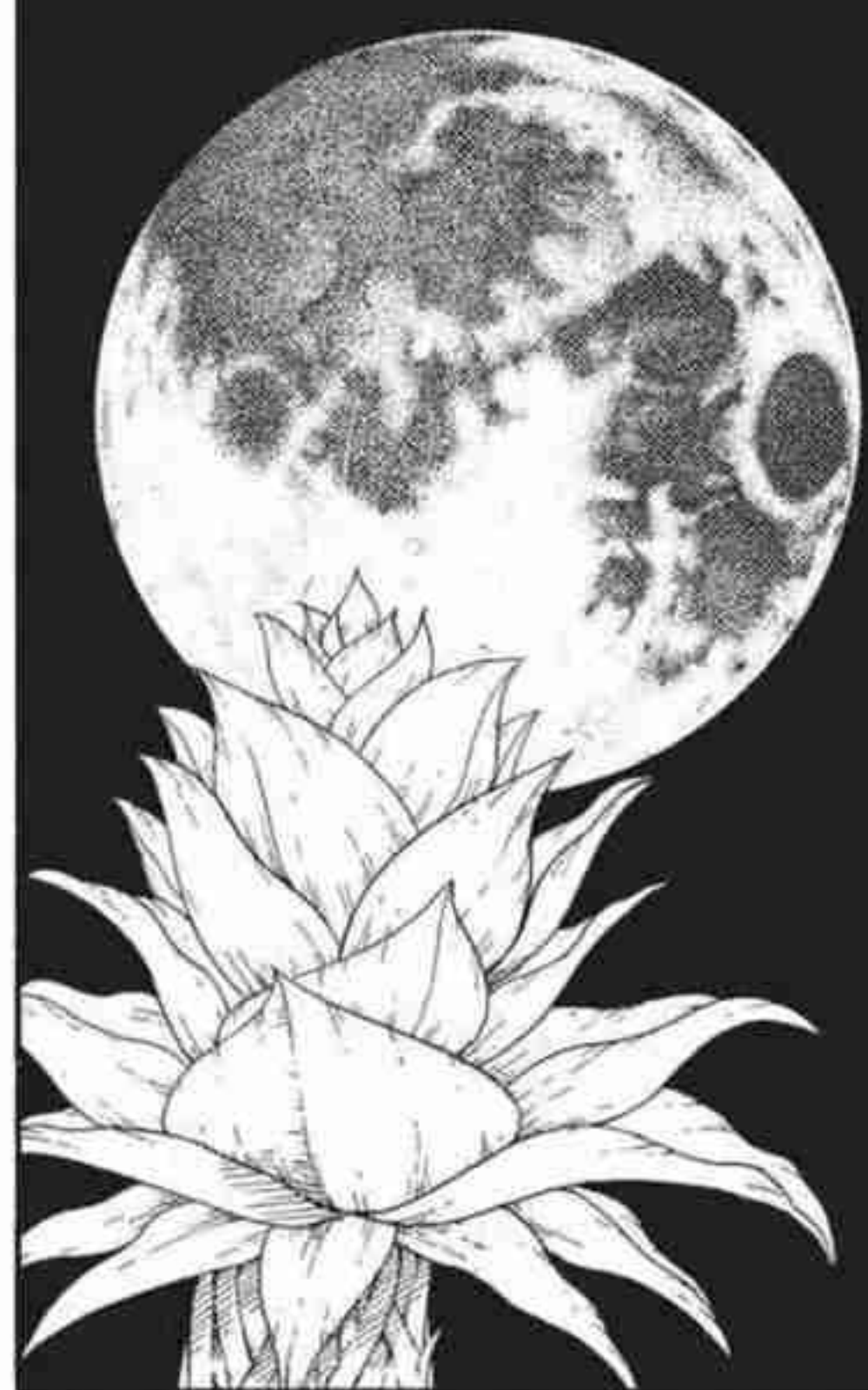




















DO NOT  
MOCK THE  
POWER OF  
TEN TAILS'  
JINCHURIKI!  
I'M  
EQUIVALENT  
TO THE  
SAGE OF  
SIX PATHS!



IT'S CUZ  
YOUR  
CHAKRA'S  
CONNECTED  
TO HIS!

HIS HEART WILL  
FLOW INTO  
YOURS, BUT  
DON'T BE  
DISTRACTED!!



GRAB



UGH!



HMPH...

FISH





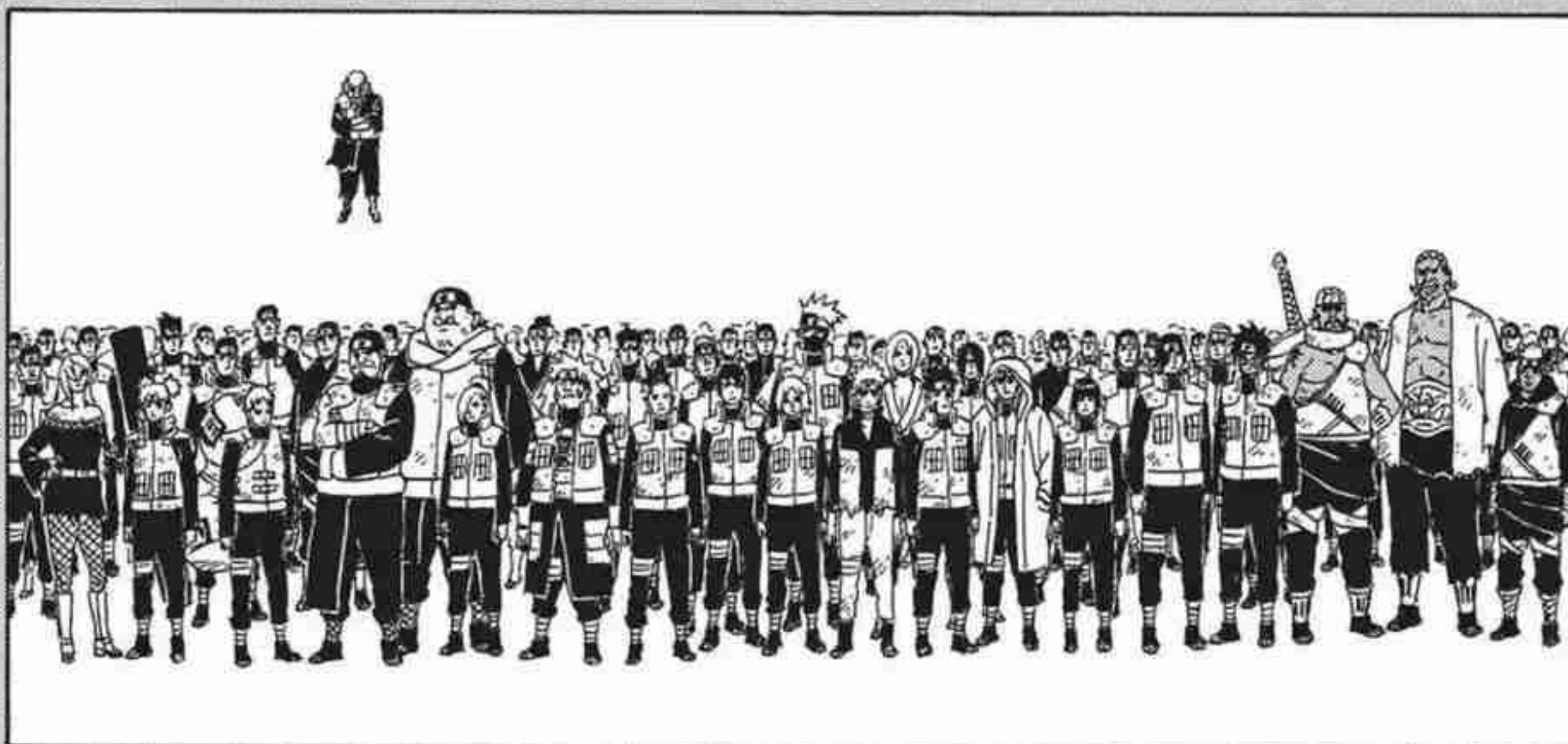




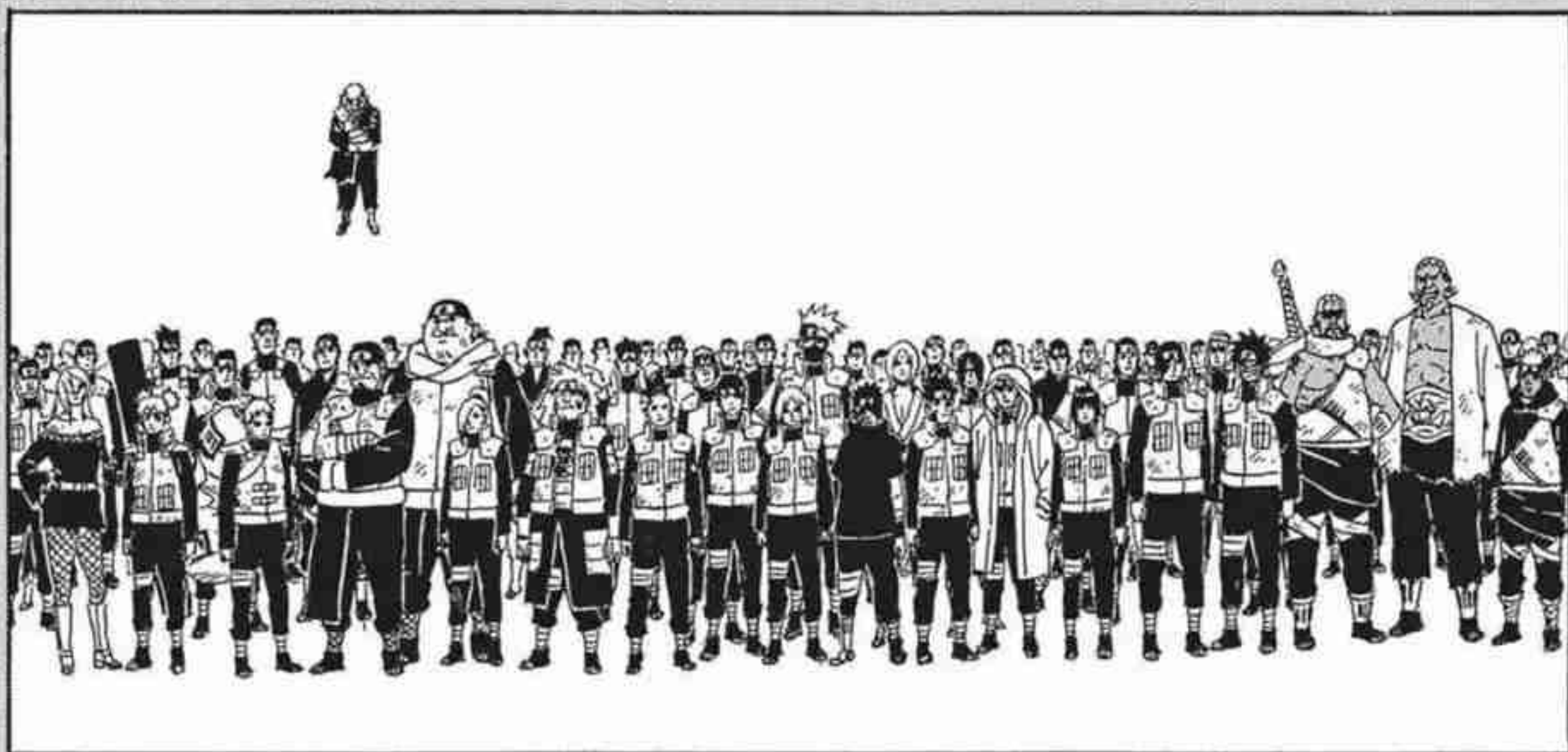




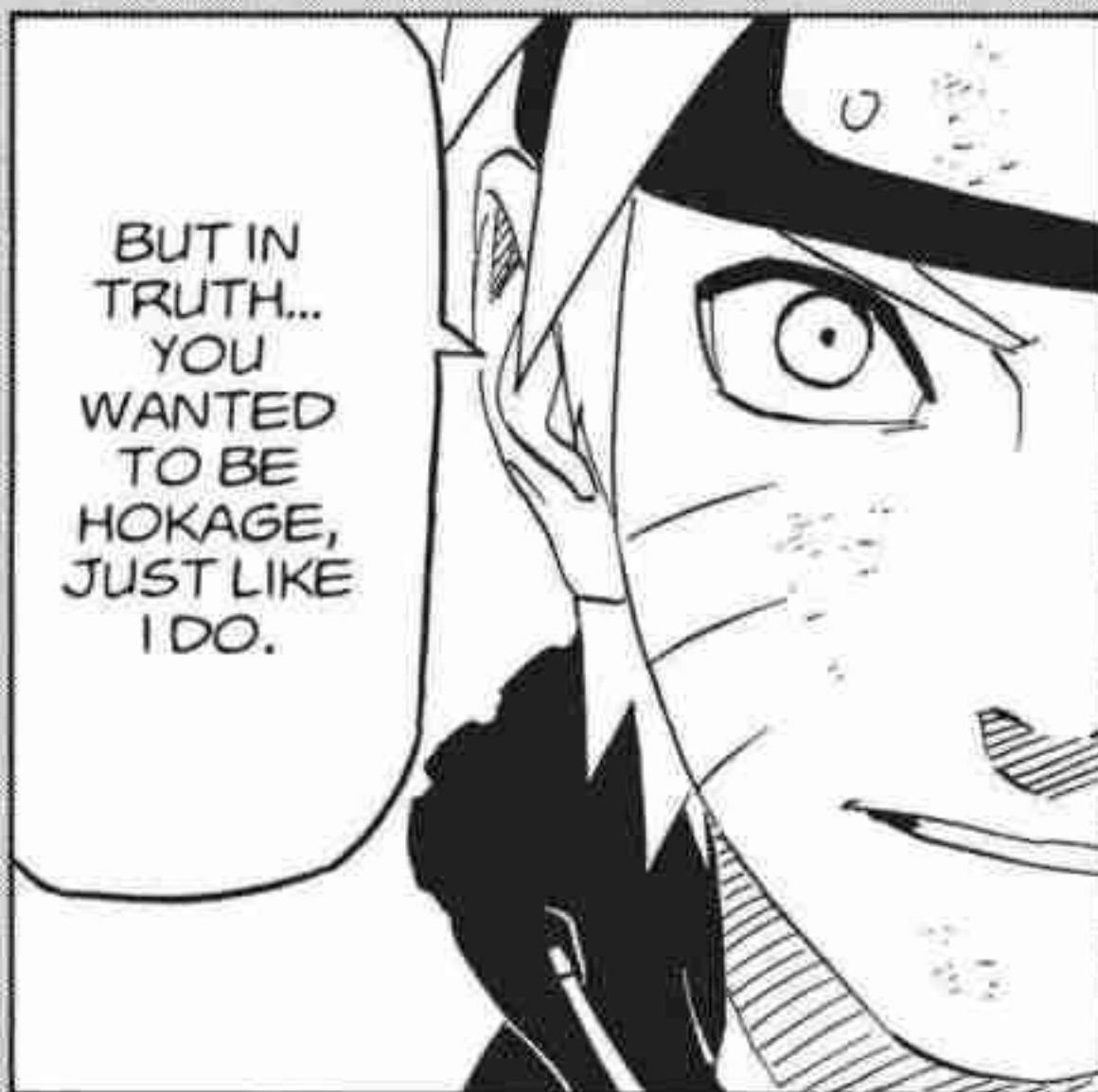












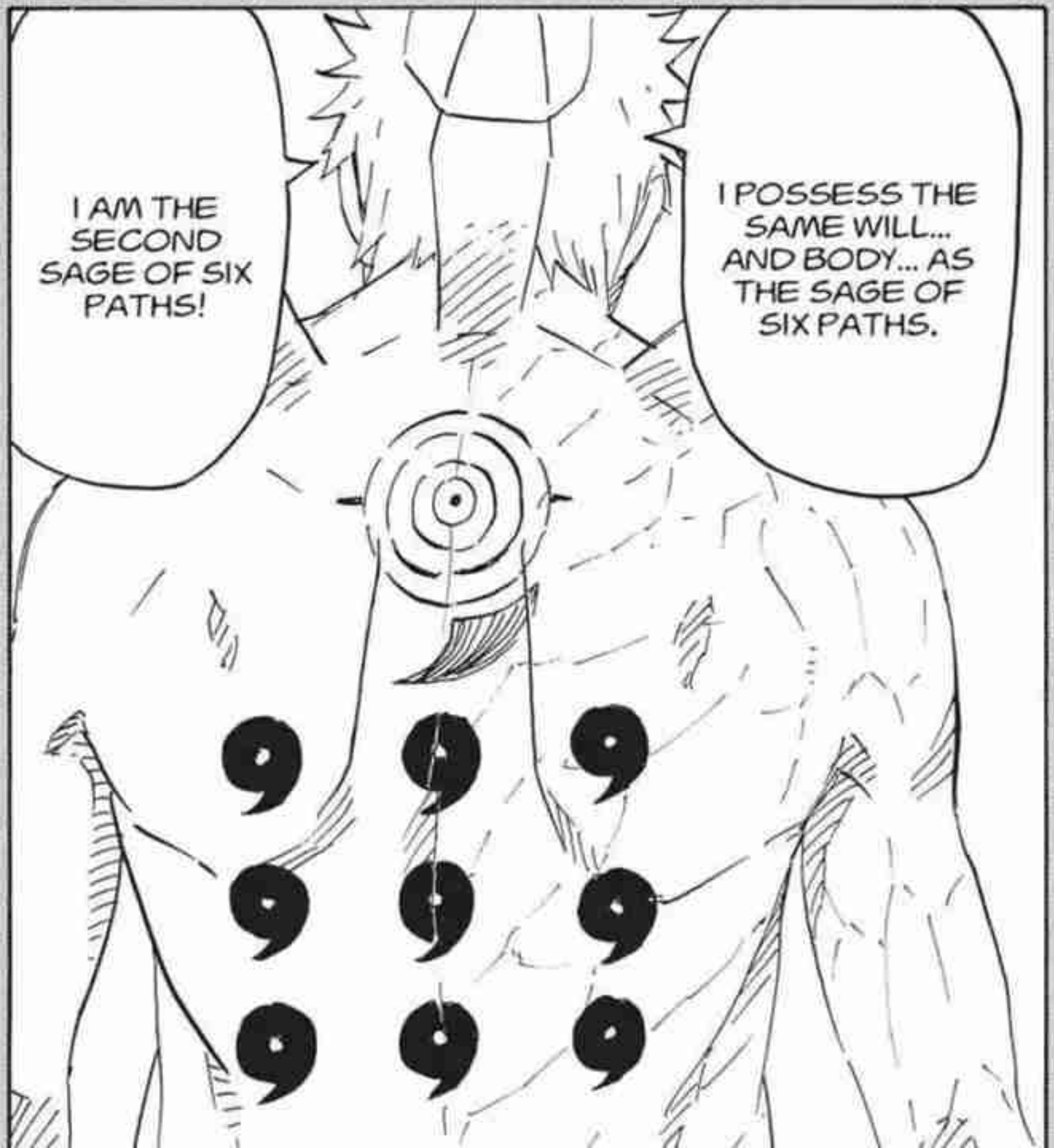












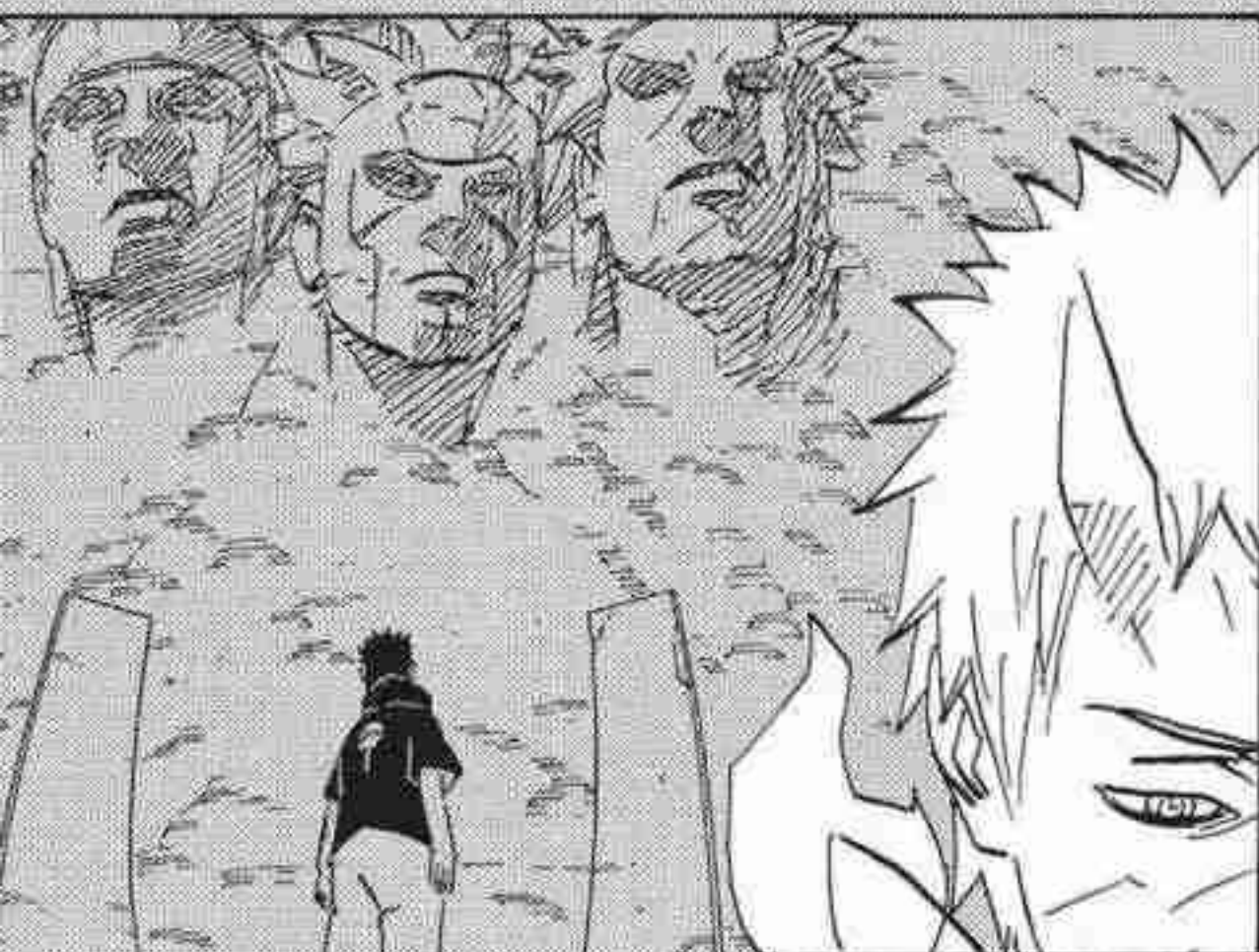




### Number 653: I'm Always Watching







I BET  
THAT'S  
WHY YOU  
WANTED  
TO BE  
HOKAGE.

IN THE BEGINNING,  
YOU TOO WANTED TO  
BE ACKNOWLEDGED  
BY AND PRAISED BY  
OTHERS.

IF YOU'RE  
THE SAME  
AS ME,  
THAT IS!



NO ONE...  
NOT EVEN  
THOSE  
PRECIOUS  
TO YOU  
WOULD EVER  
ACKNOWLEDGE...

...THIS  
CURRENT  
DREAM OF  
YOURS!!

YOU'VE TURNED ALL  
SHINOBI INTO YOUR  
ENEMY AND THEN  
SPOUT SOME  
NONSENSE THAT  
YOU'RE DOING IT  
FOR THE SAKE OF  
THE WORLD...

...WHEN  
YOU'RE JUST  
DOING IT FOR  
YOURSELF!!

BUT  
LOOK AT  
YOU NOW!



IT'S CUZ  
YOU'RE  
JUST LIKE  
ME THAT--

NO... IT'S  
BECAUSE  
OF THAT...

BUT NOW  
YOU'VE  
BECOME  
THE  
EXACT  
OPPOSITE  
OF A  
HOKAGE!

YOU USED  
TO HAVE  
THE SAME  
DREAM AS  
ME...



...I'M...





THAT'S WHY I  
WANTED TO SEE  
YOU DESPAIR  
ABOUT THIS  
WORLD.



OR... I  
SUPPOSE I  
WANTED TO  
FEEL AGAIN,  
FOR MYSELF...

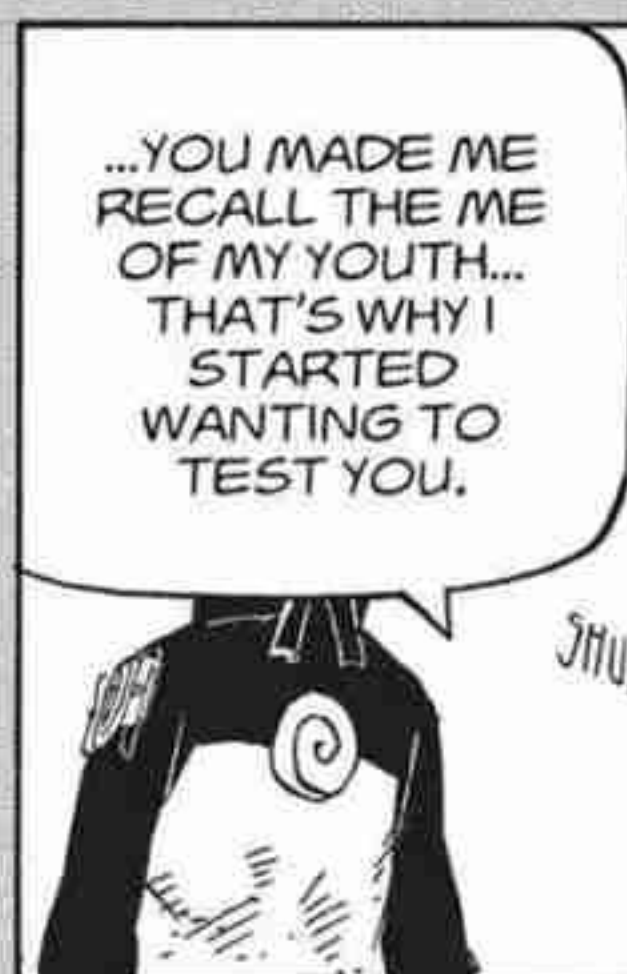
...THAT  
THE PATH  
I HAVE  
CHOSEN  
FOR MYSELF  
IS NOT A  
MISTAKE.

SHUP



...AND  
ABANDON  
YOUR  
FEELINGS,  
YOUR PAST.

TO SEE  
WHEN YOU  
WOULD  
FALL TO  
DESPAIR...



...YOU MADE ME  
RECALL THE ME  
OF MY YOUTH...  
THAT'S WHY I  
STARTED  
WANTING TO  
TEST YOU.



WHEN I  
WAS  
FIGHTING  
YOU...





...THAT  
YOU  
REALLY  
ANNOY  
ME!

AND IT'S  
CUZ WE'RE  
EXACTLY  
ALIKE...



NO... WHAT  
I AM DOING  
IS NO  
DIFFERENT  
THAN A  
HOKAGE'S  
ACTIONS.

IN FACT, IT IS  
MUCH MORE...  
FOR I **CAN**  
TRULY BRING  
ABOUT PEACE.



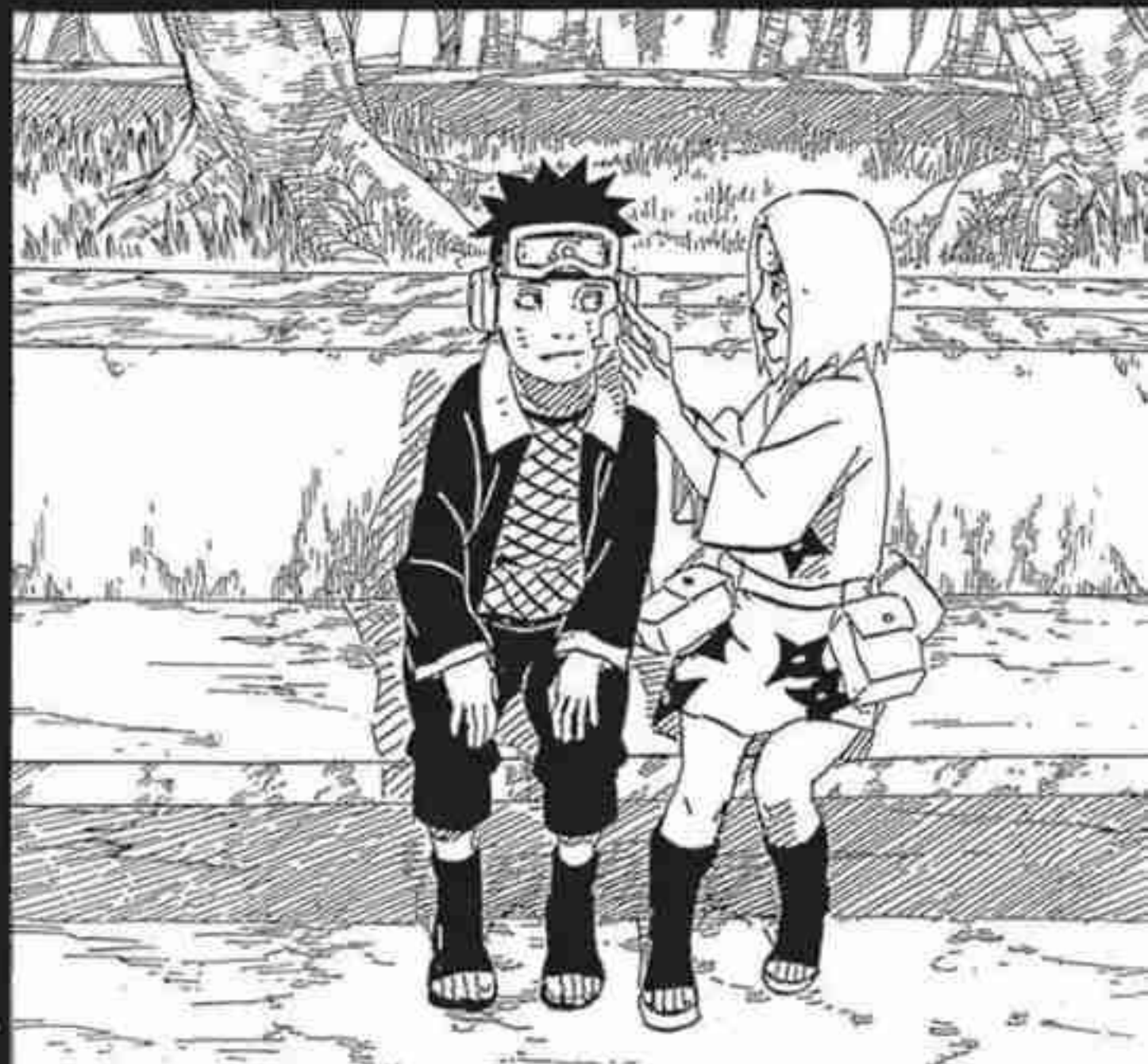
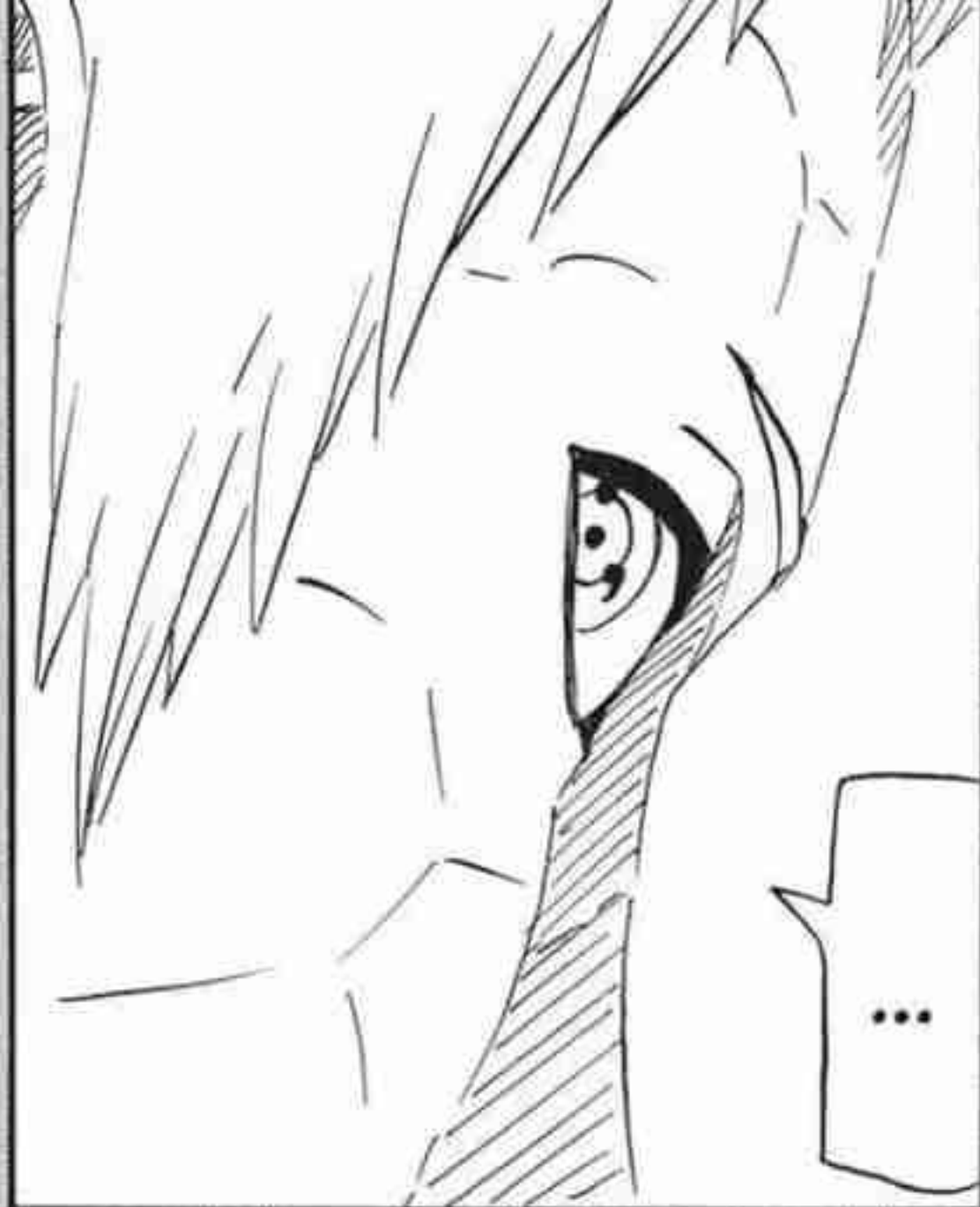
YOU'RE JUST  
ABANDONING  
EVERYTHING  
AND RUNNING  
AWAY!!



ARE YOU  
SERIOUS?  
YOU'RE  
SAYING  
THAT... FOR  
REAL...?







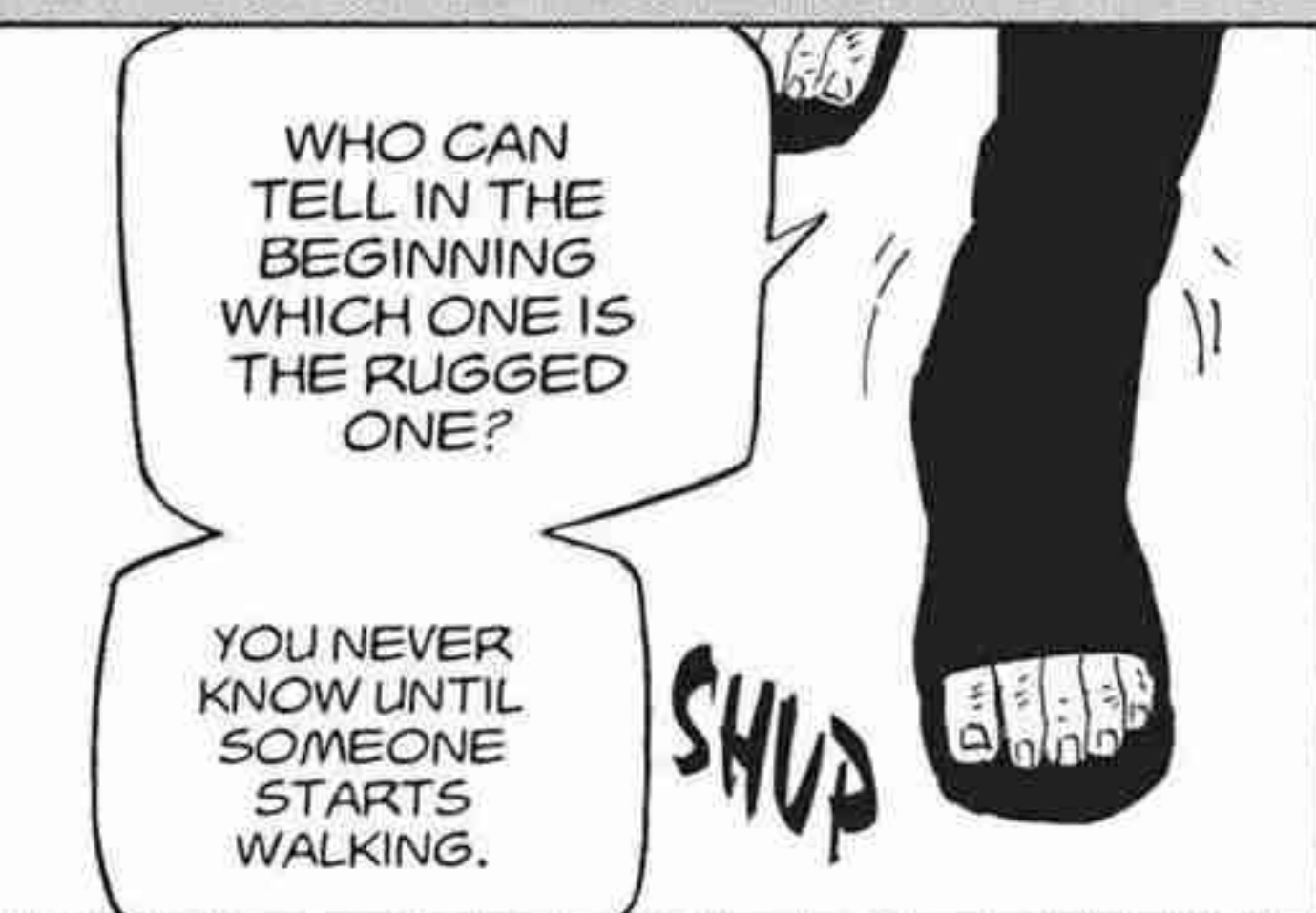












WHAT I  
WANT TO  
KNOW ISN'T  
THE EASY  
PATH...

WOULD YOU  
STILL SAY  
THAT EVEN  
IF BOTH  
PATHS LED  
TO THE  
SAME END  
POINT?

WHO CAN  
TELL IN THE  
BEGINNING  
WHICH ONE IS  
THE RUGGED  
ONE?

YOU NEVER  
KNOW UNTIL  
SOMEONE  
STARTS  
WALKING.

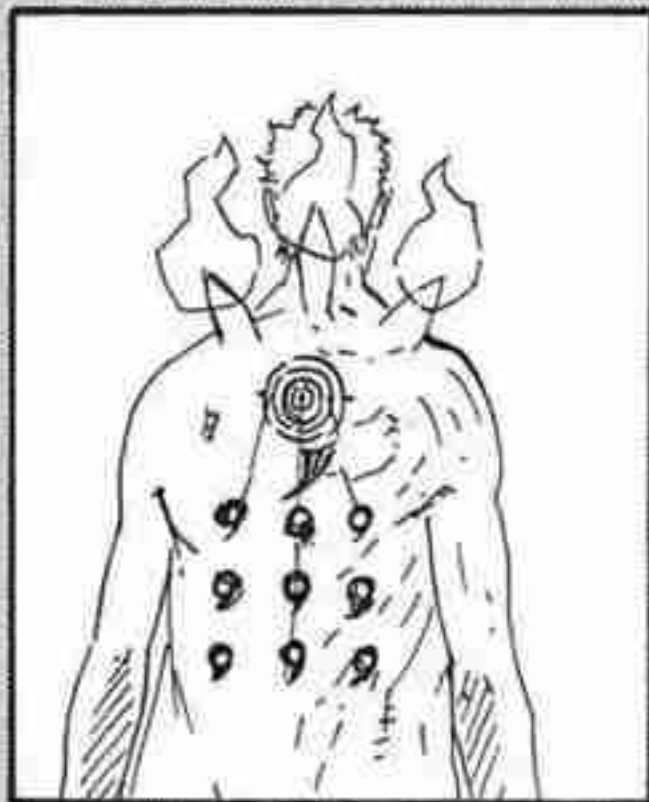
SHUP

THUS A HOKAGE  
NEVER WALKS  
OVER HIS  
COMRADES'  
CORPSES.

A HOKAGE IS  
THE FELLOW  
WHO WALKS  
AHEAD OF  
EVERYONE  
ELSE,  
SWALLOWING  
HIS OR HER  
PAIN.

...BUT HOW TO  
NAVIGATE THE  
RUGGED ONE.

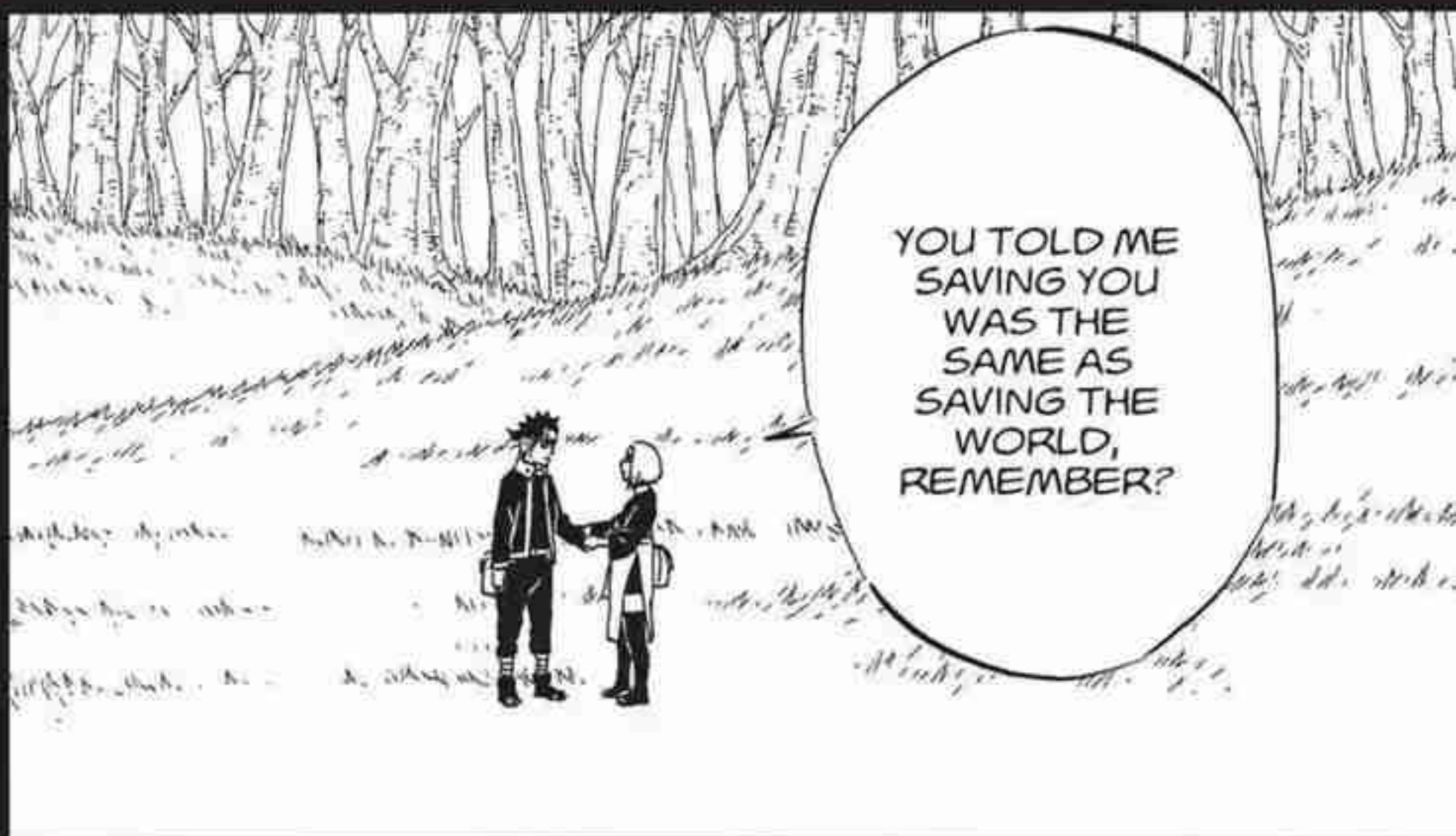








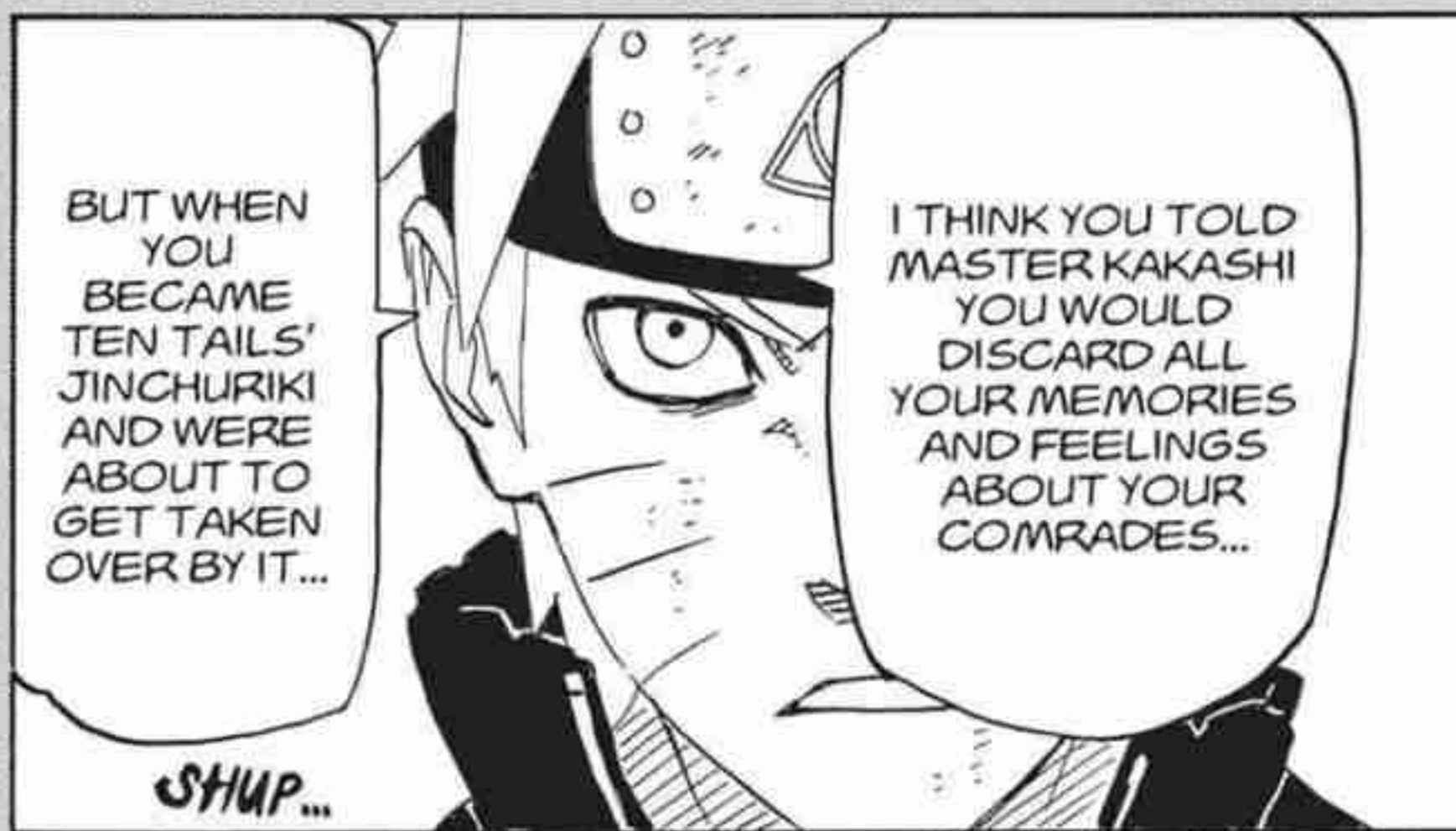
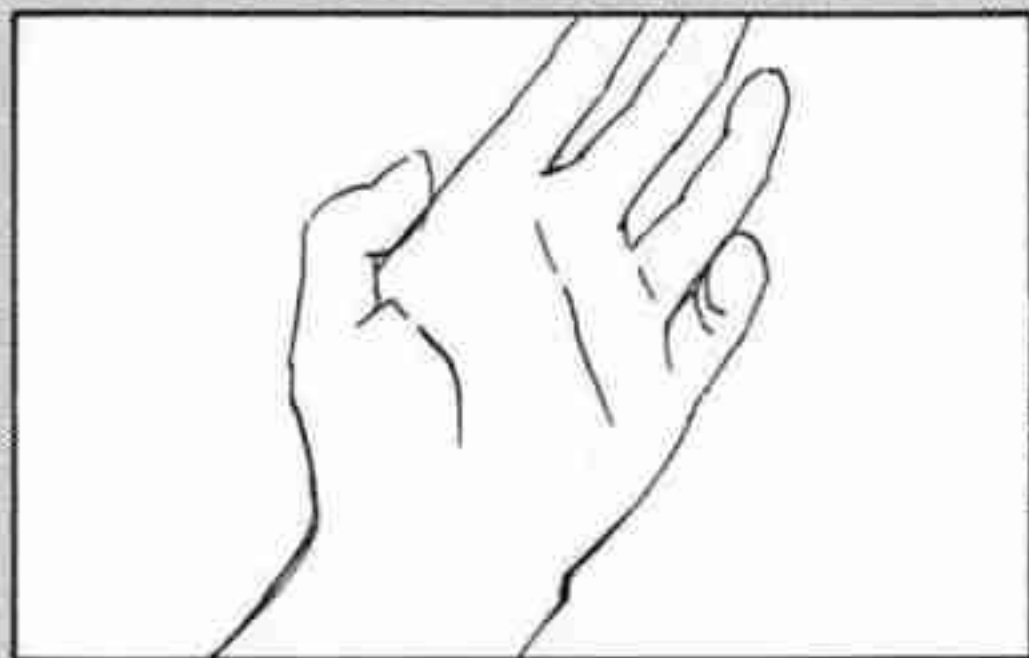












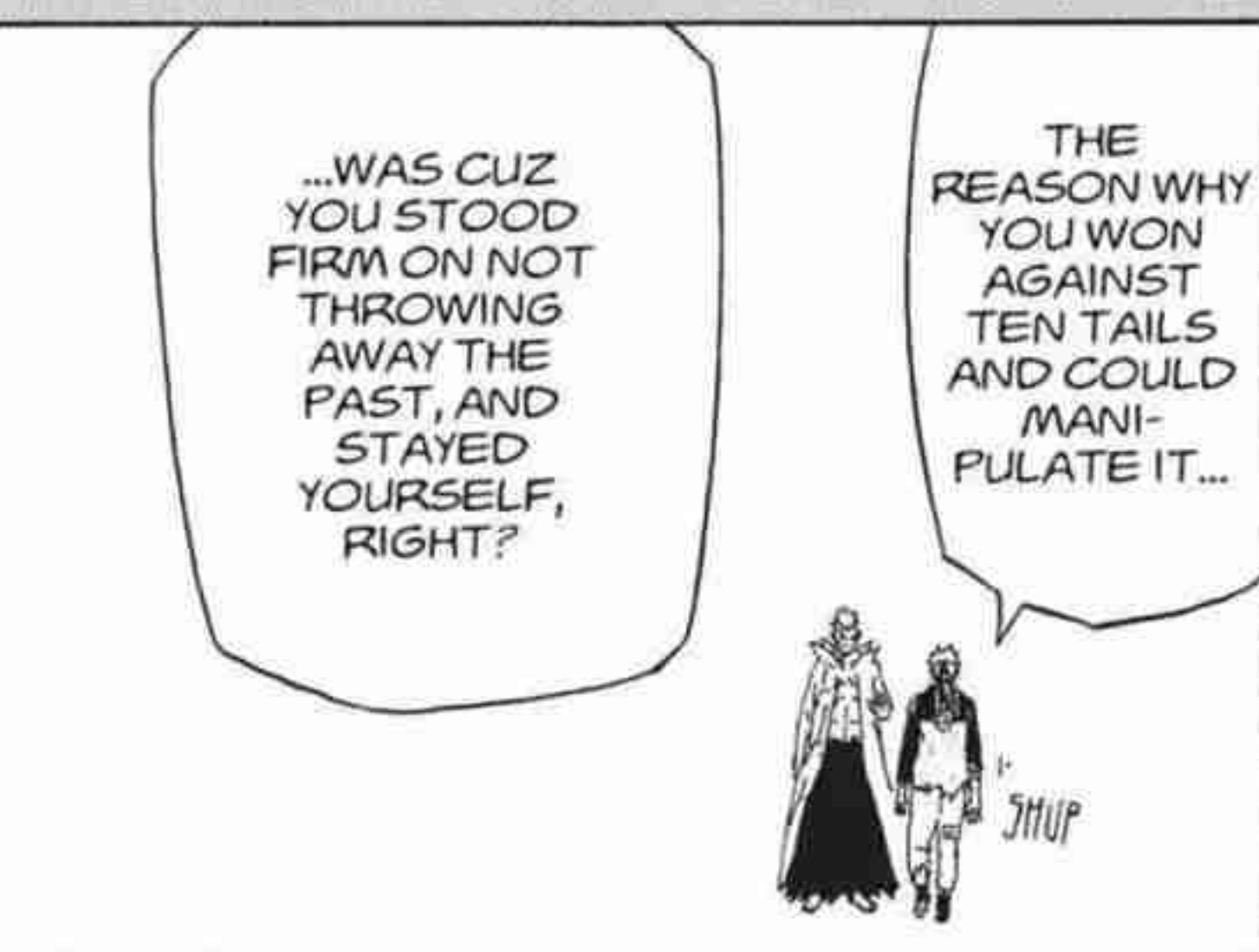




DIDN'T YOU  
TRY TO  
QUASH TEN  
TAILS CUZ  
YOU DIDN'T  
WANT THAT?



Z  
R  
R  
IP



...WAS CUZ  
YOU STOOD  
FIRM ON NOT  
THROWING  
AWAY THE  
PAST, AND  
STAYED  
YOURSELF,  
RIGHT?

THE  
REASON WHY  
YOU WON  
AGAINST  
TEN TAILS  
AND COULD  
MANI-  
PULATE IT...



AM I  
WRONG?



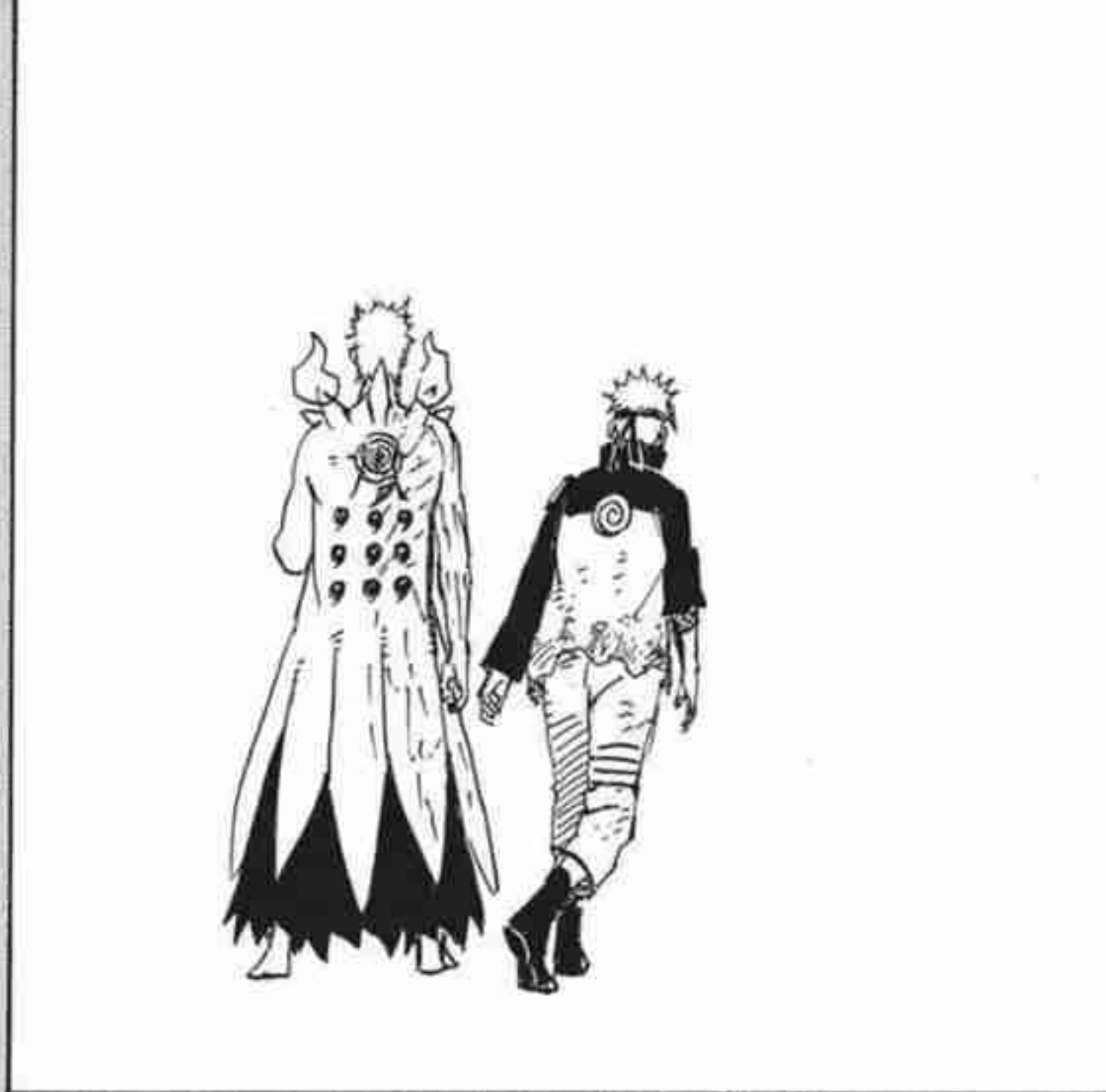
THAT'S HOW  
YOU COULD  
STAY OBITO  
EVEN AFTER  
YOU  
BECAME  
TEN TAILS'  
JINCHURIKI.

YOU JUST  
COULDN'T  
DISCARD  
MEMORIES OF  
PA, OR  
MASTER  
KAKASHI, OR  
THIS RIN  
PERSON,  
COULD YOU?





BUT  
DRAGGING  
EVERYONE  
ONTO YOUR  
PATH AND  
CONTINUING  
ON IT WON'T  
BE ALLOWED!



YOU TRIED TO  
RUN AWAY FROM  
EVERY SINGLE  
THING...

...

SHUP



YOU'LL  
CROSS OVER  
TO OUR WAY  
AND ATONE  
FOR YOUR  
SINS...

...AS UCHIHA  
OBITO  
AND AS A  
KONOHA  
SHINOBI.



NOW  
COME  
JOIN US,  
NARUTO!

SO WHY  
KEEP LIVING  
IN REALITY,  
EH?

FSH...



SOLITUDE!



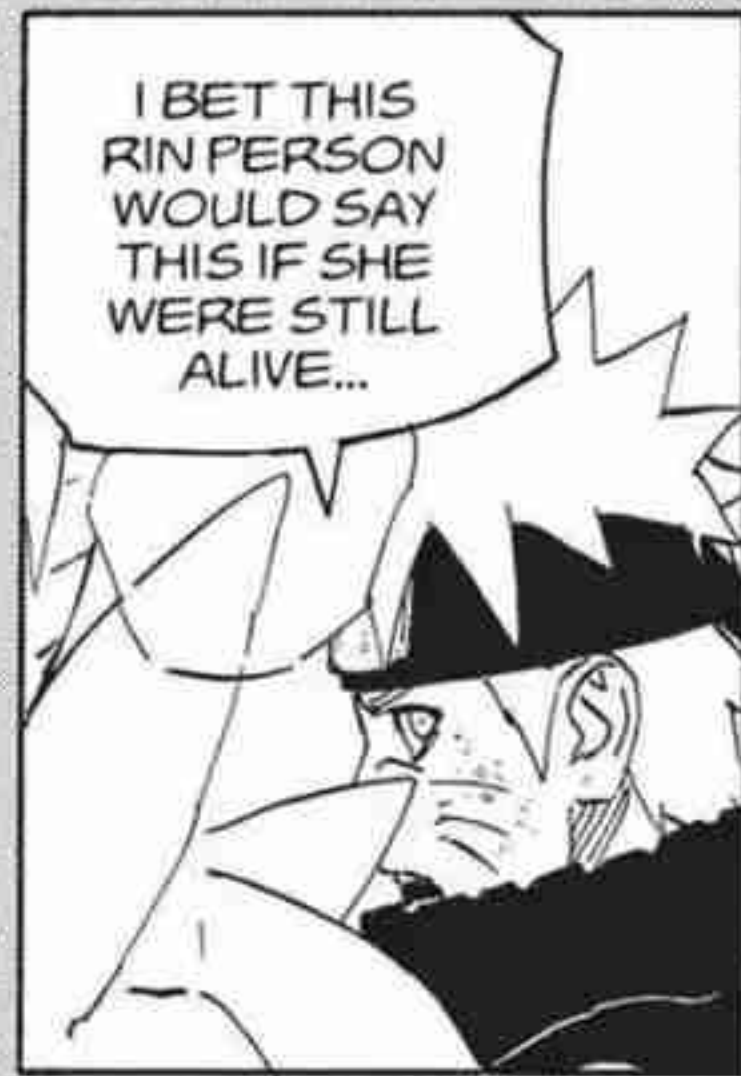
THE ONLY  
THING THAT  
AWAITS YOU...  
IS YOUR  
PERSONAL  
WORST  
NIGHTMARE.





"DON'T ACT  
TOUGH AND  
HIDE YOUR  
WOUNDS!"

"I'M ALWAYS  
WATCHING,  
YOU KNOW."



I BET THIS  
RIN PERSON  
WOULD SAY  
THIS IF SHE  
WERE STILL  
ALIVE...



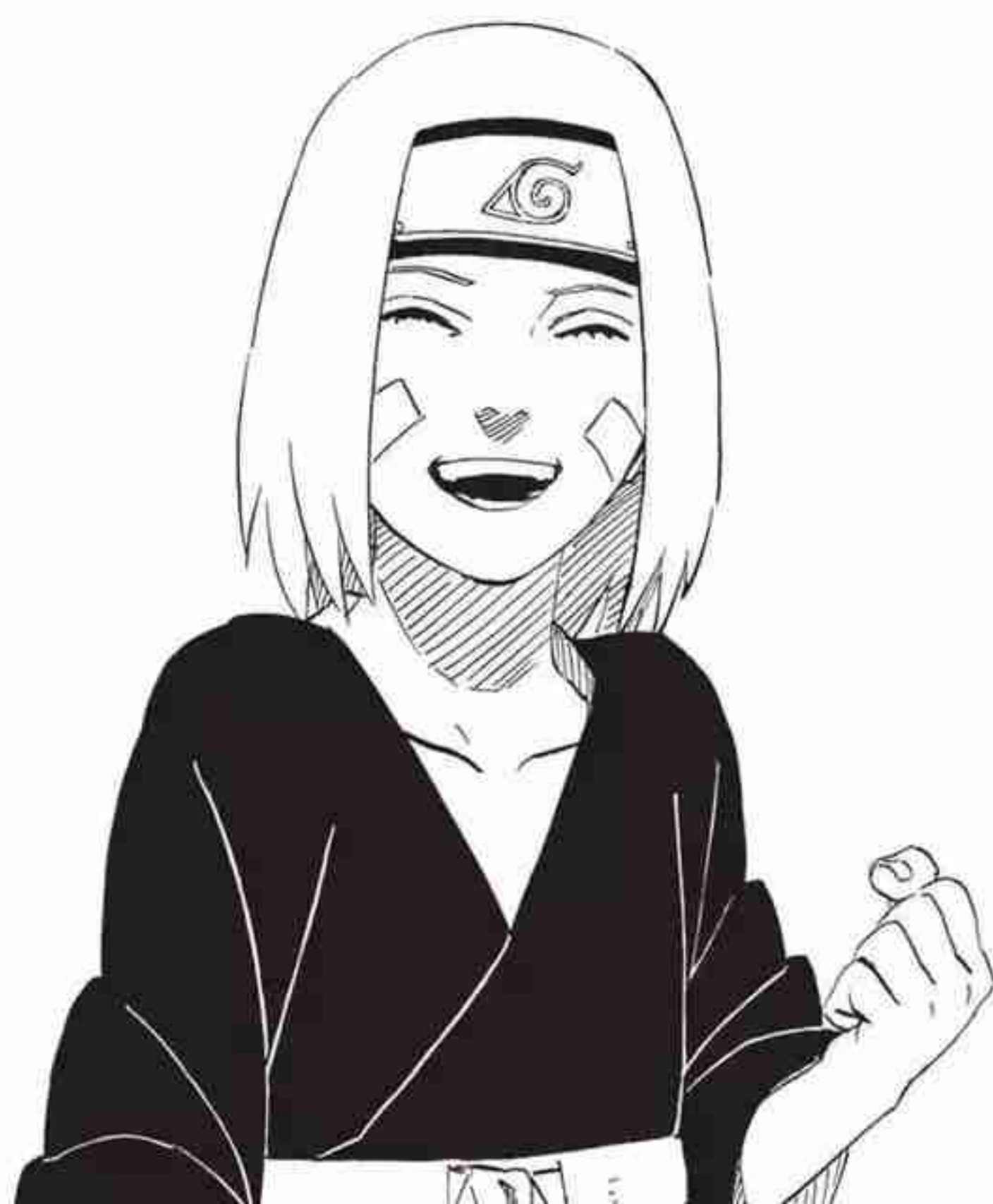
CUZ YOU'RE  
NO ONE ELSE  
BUT YOU.

FSH

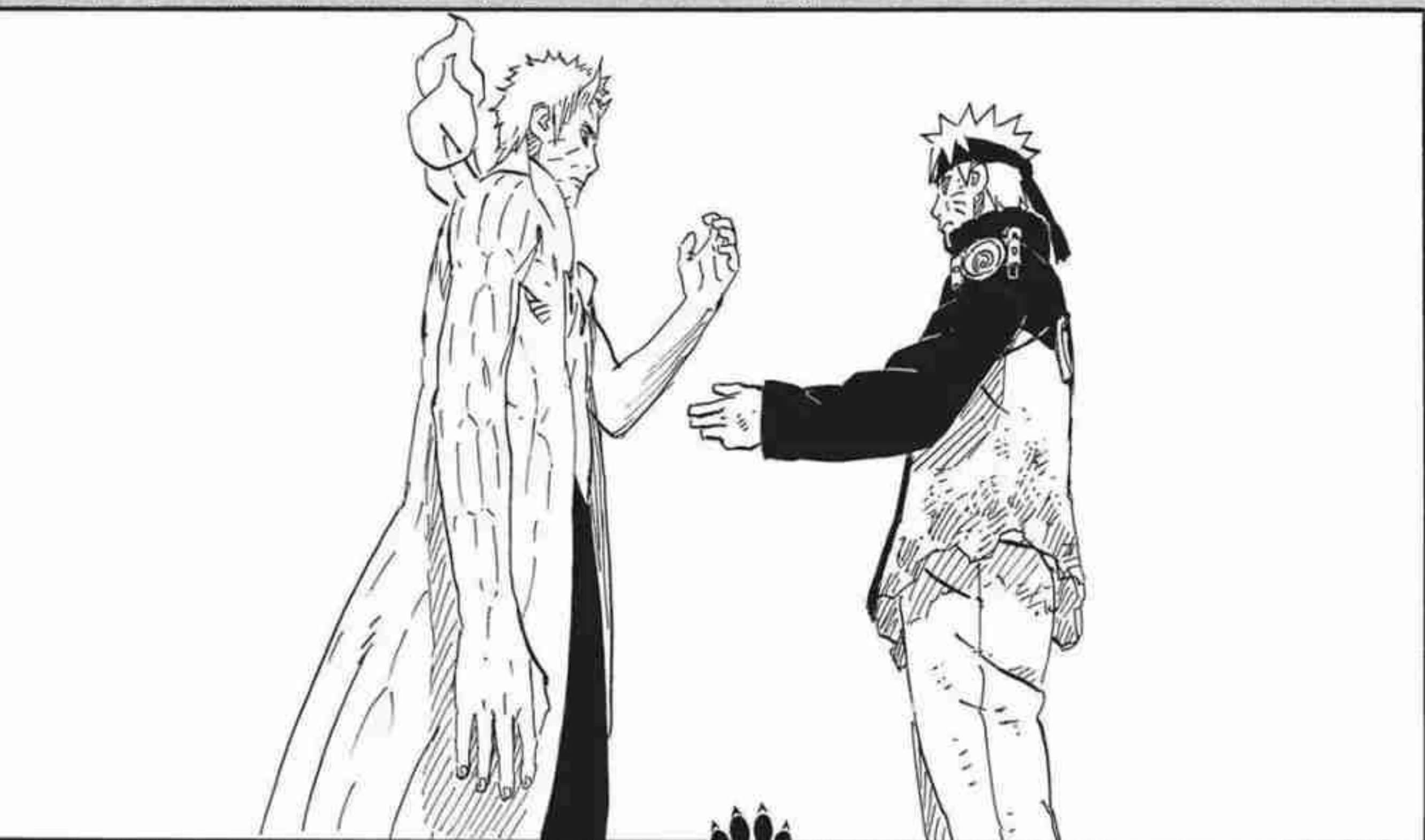
STOP  
RUNNING!

COME  
JOIN US,  
OBITO!

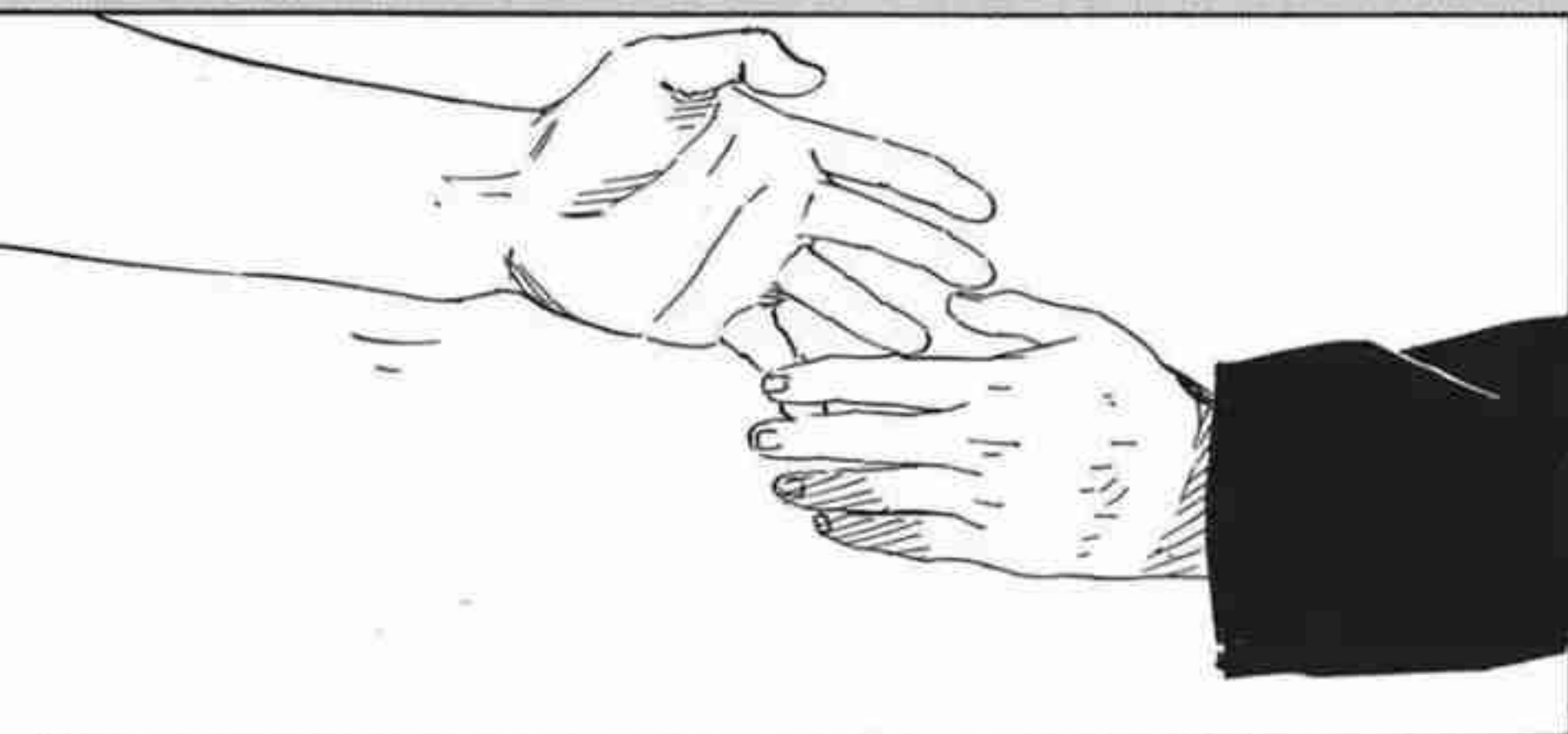




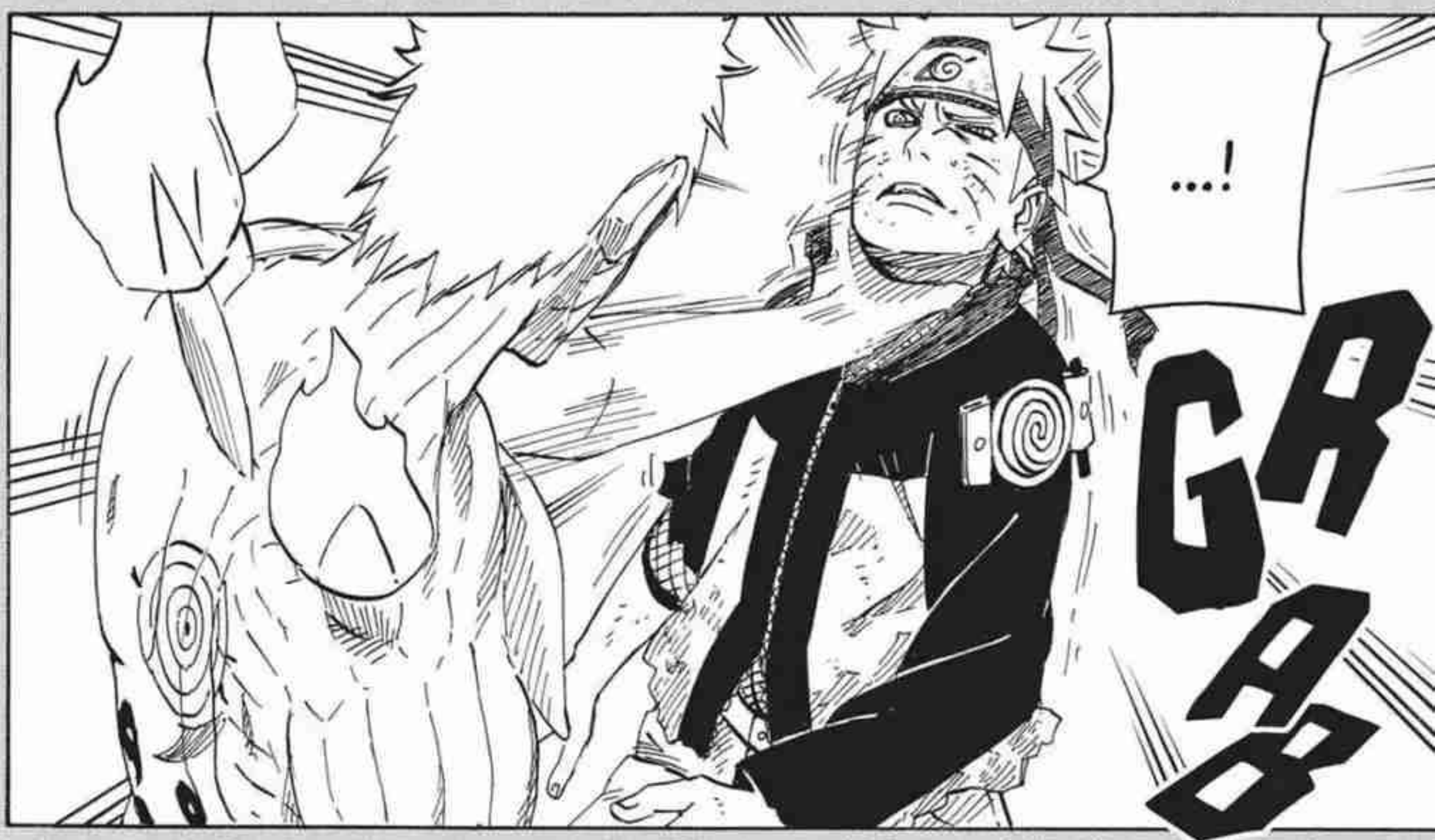




Number 654: I'm Uchiha Obito











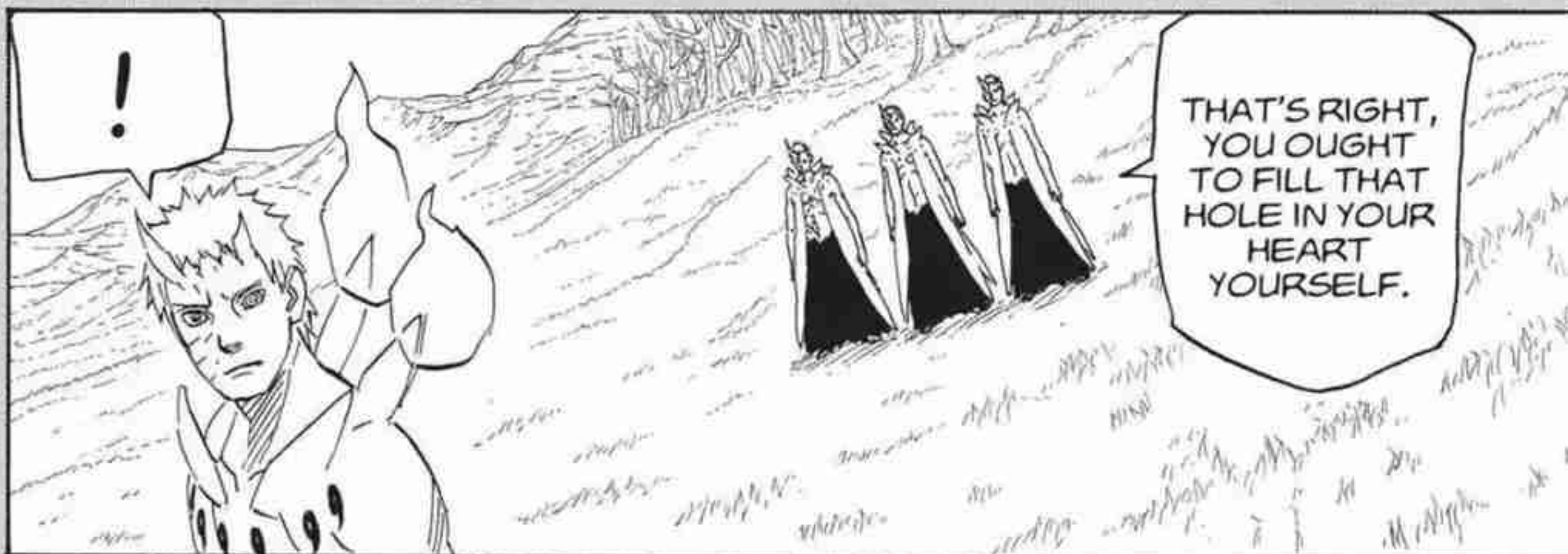












THAT'S RIGHT,  
YOU OUGHT  
TO FILL THAT  
HOLE IN YOUR  
HEART  
YOURSELF.

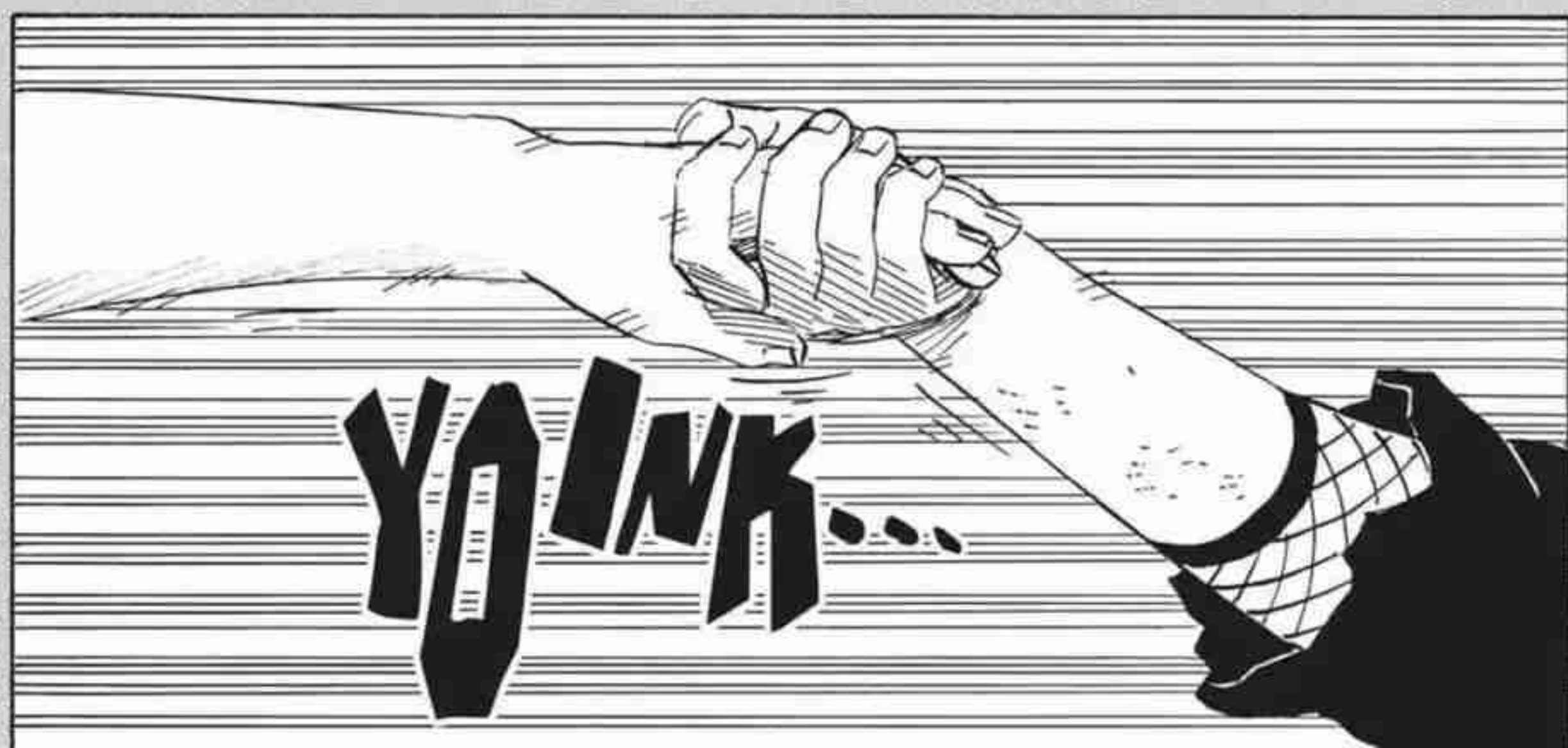




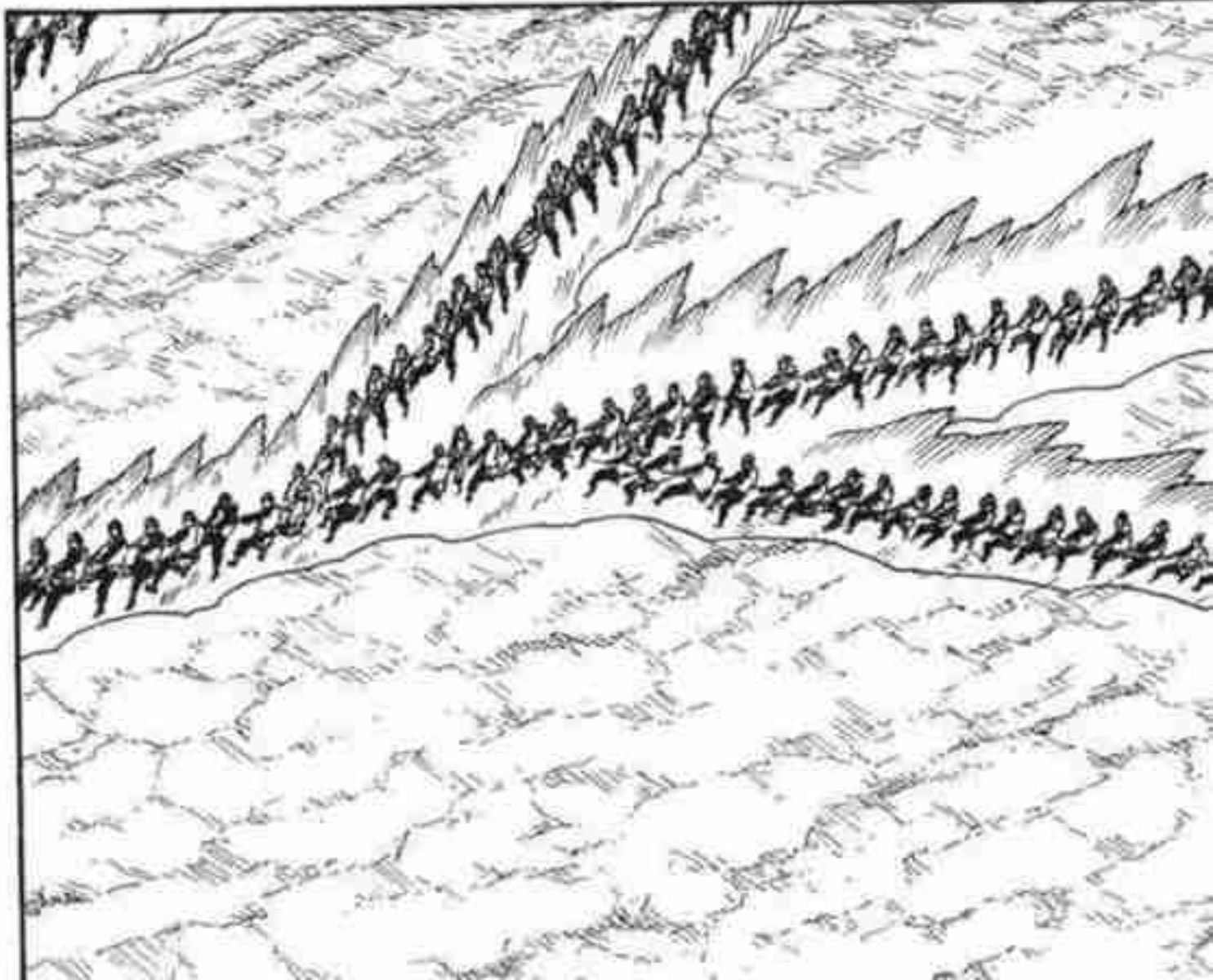








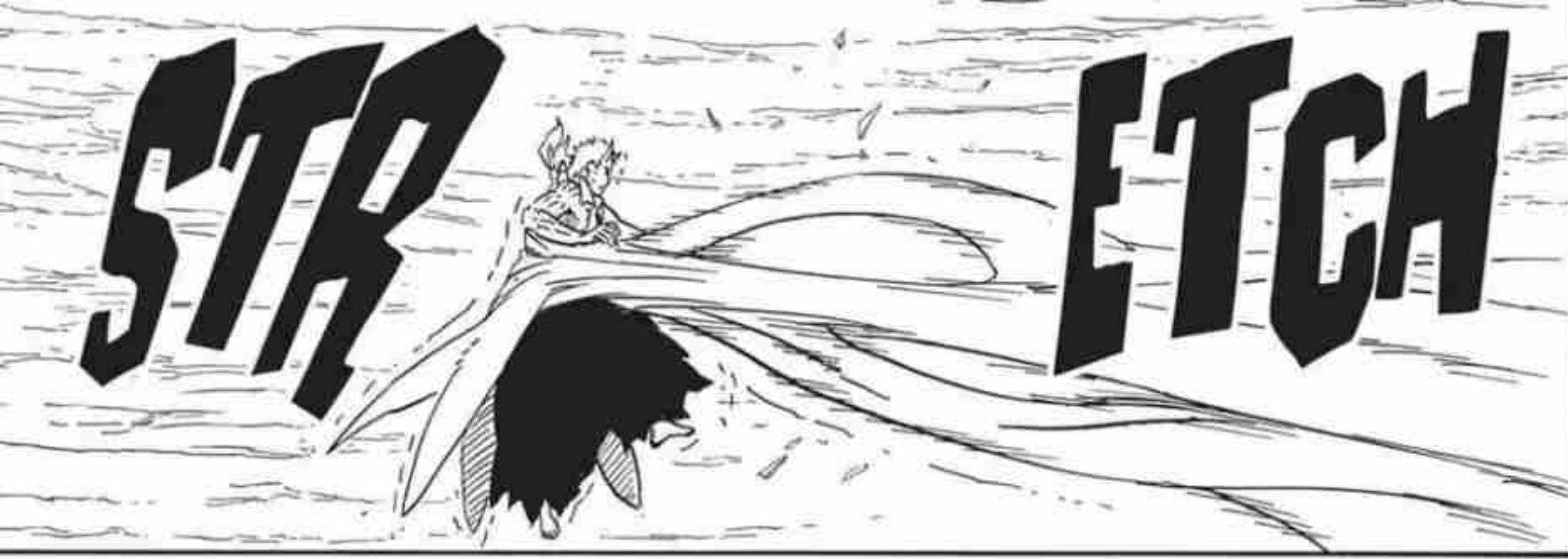








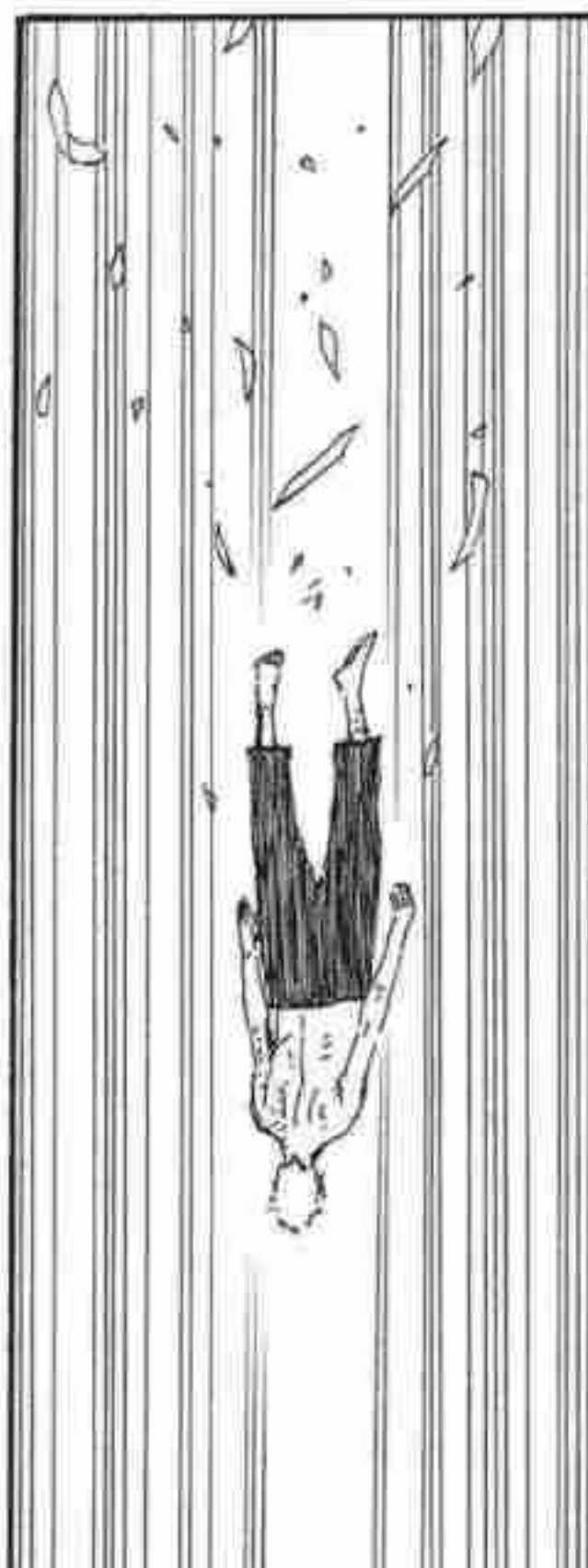




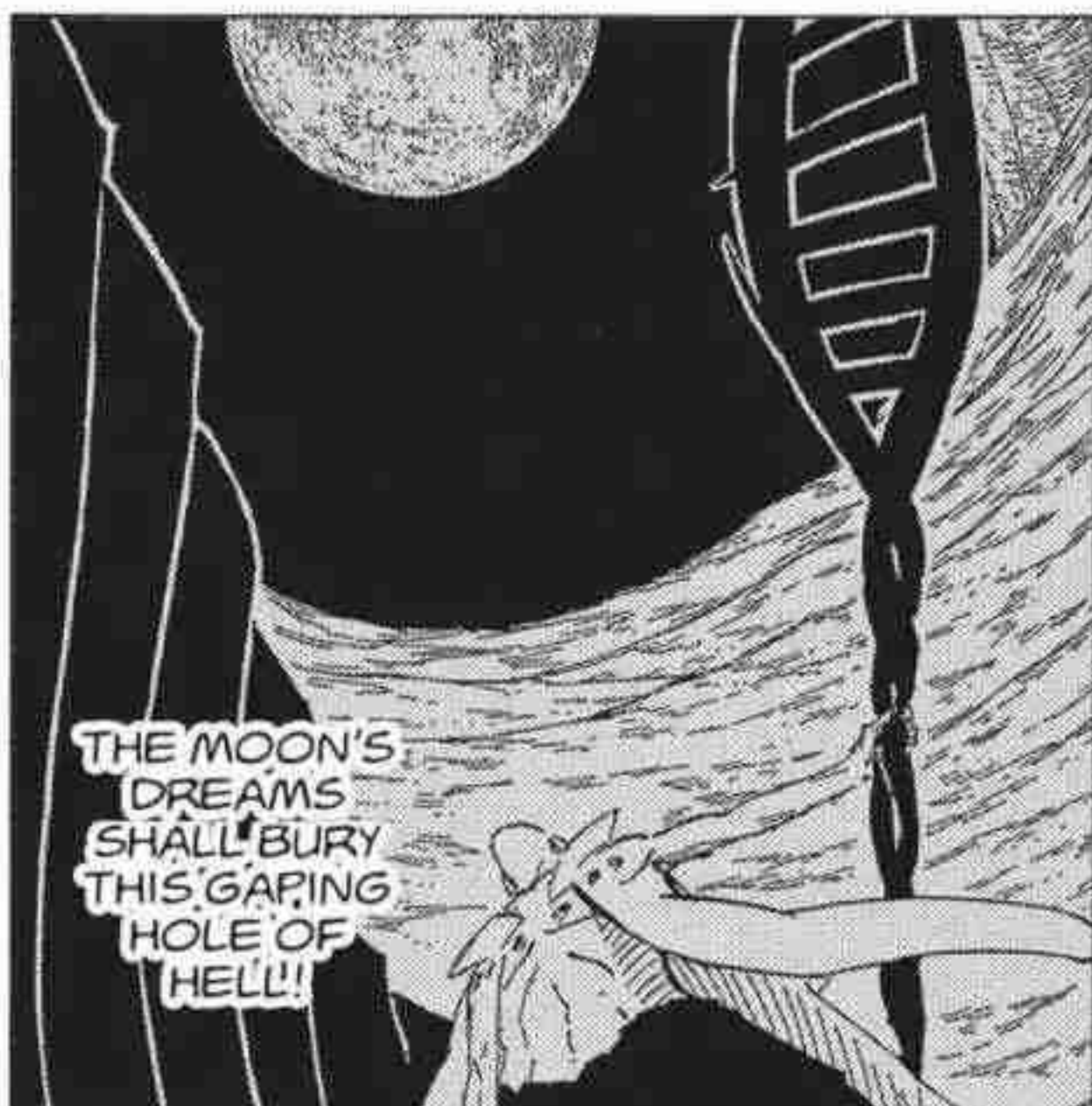
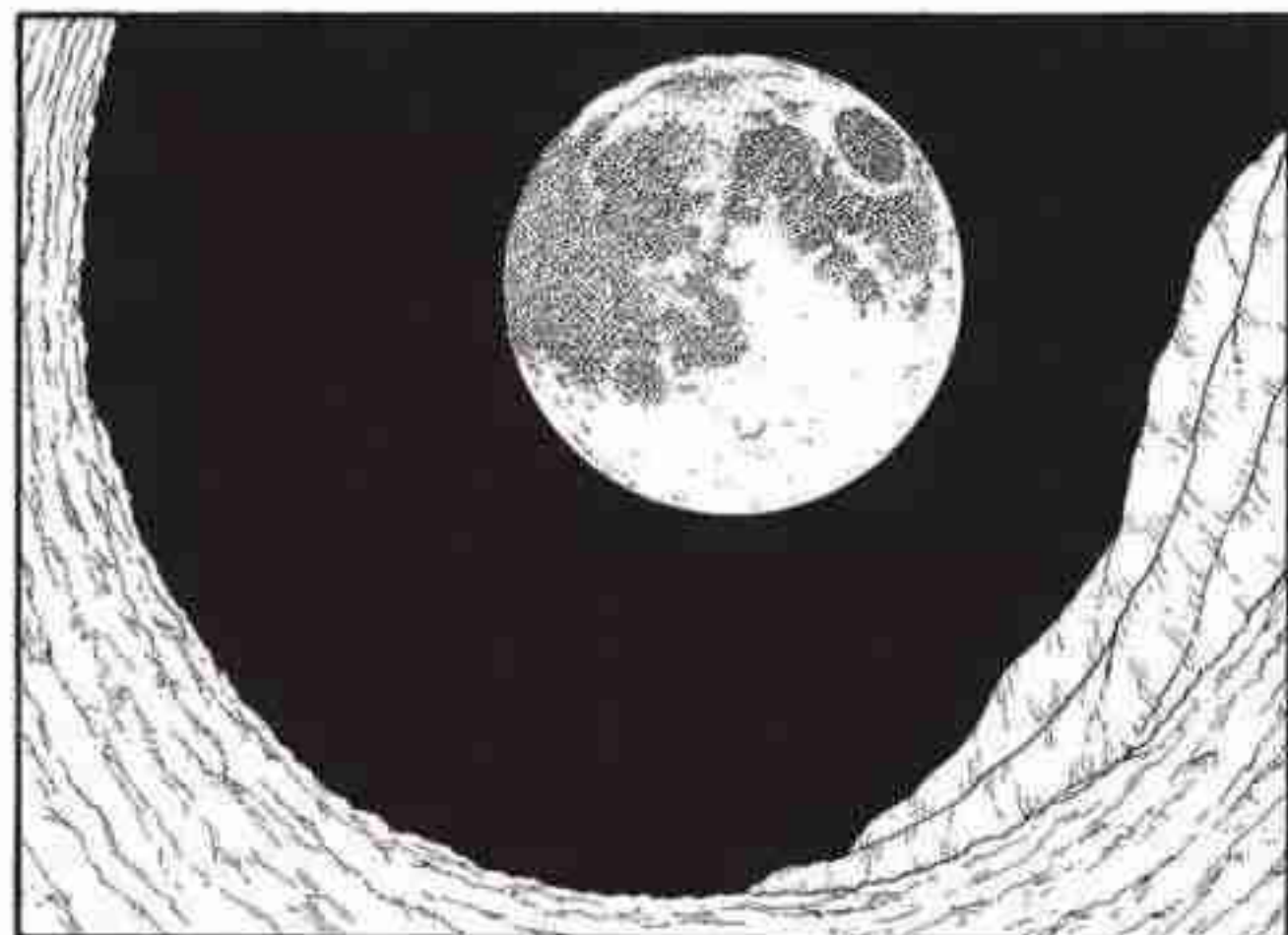




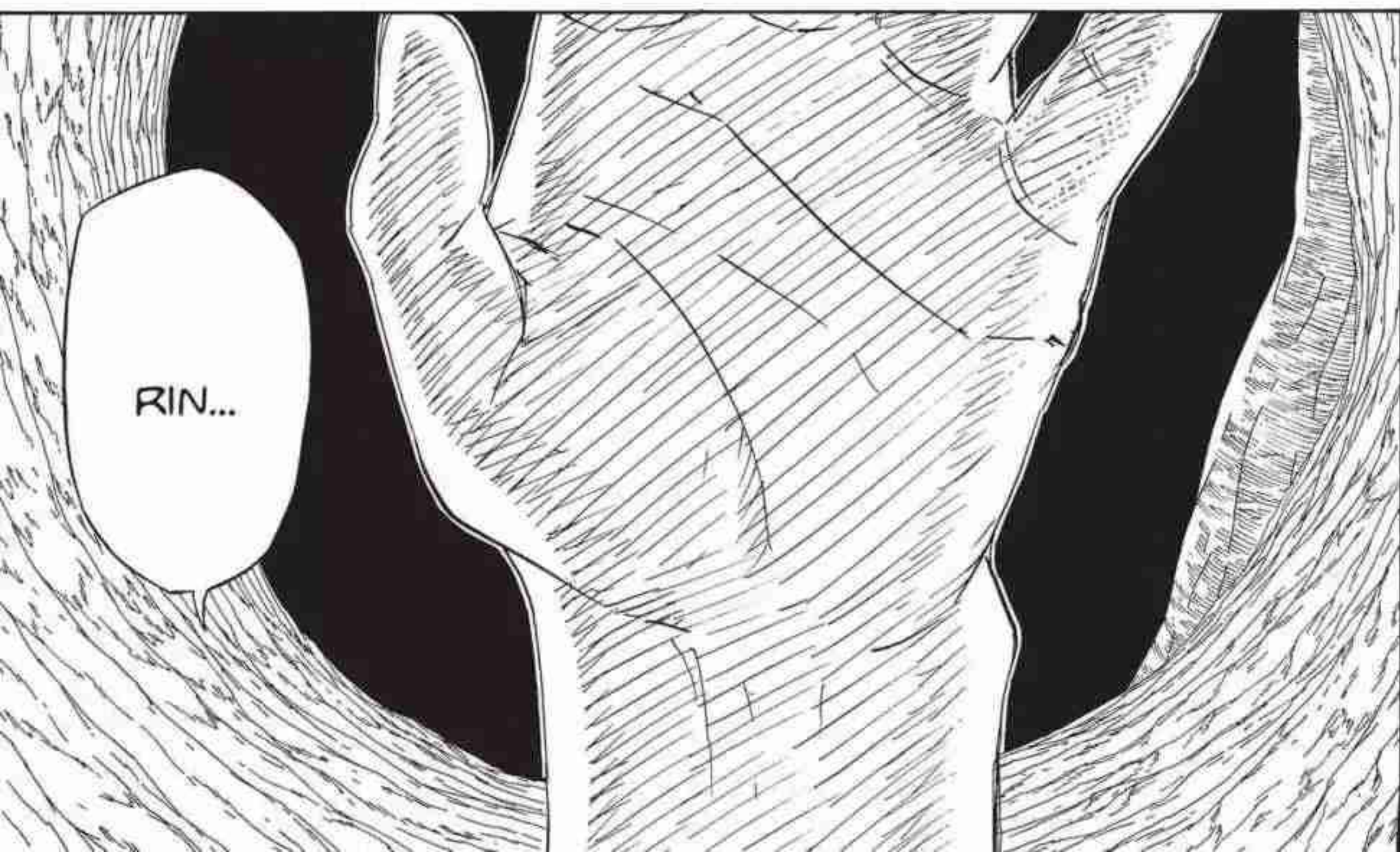








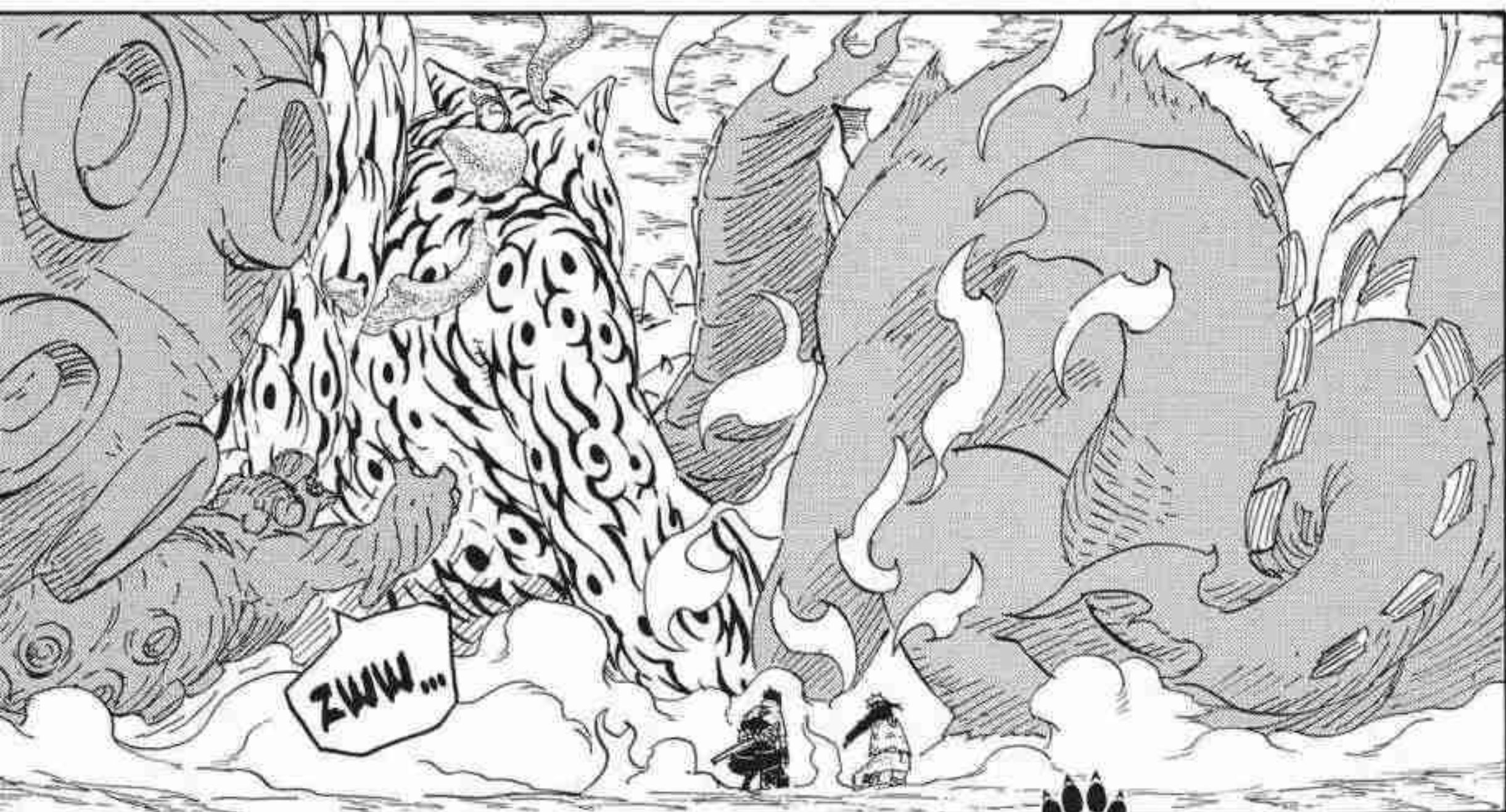




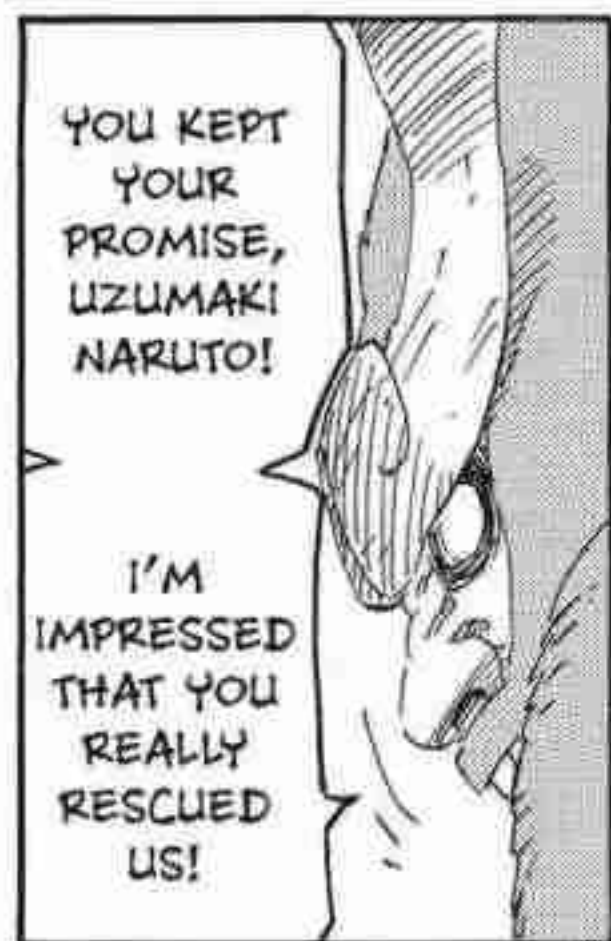








 Number 655: Path























SOMETHING  
HE SEEMS  
TO HAVE  
INHERITED  
FROM HIS  
MOTHER...

IT LOOKED LIKE  
MY SON  
NAGGED AND  
LECTURED YOU  
QUITE A BIT...



OBITO...  
WHEN WE  
PLAYED  
CHAKRA TUG-  
OF-WAR JUST  
NOW...

...I GOT  
TO SEE  
INSIDE  
YOUR  
HEART.



BUT THAT  
REALLY  
OUGHT TO  
BE **YOUR**  
JOB,  
KAKASHI.



PA...



...WHAT TO  
SAY TO  
OBITO IS  
YOU, HIS  
FRIEND.

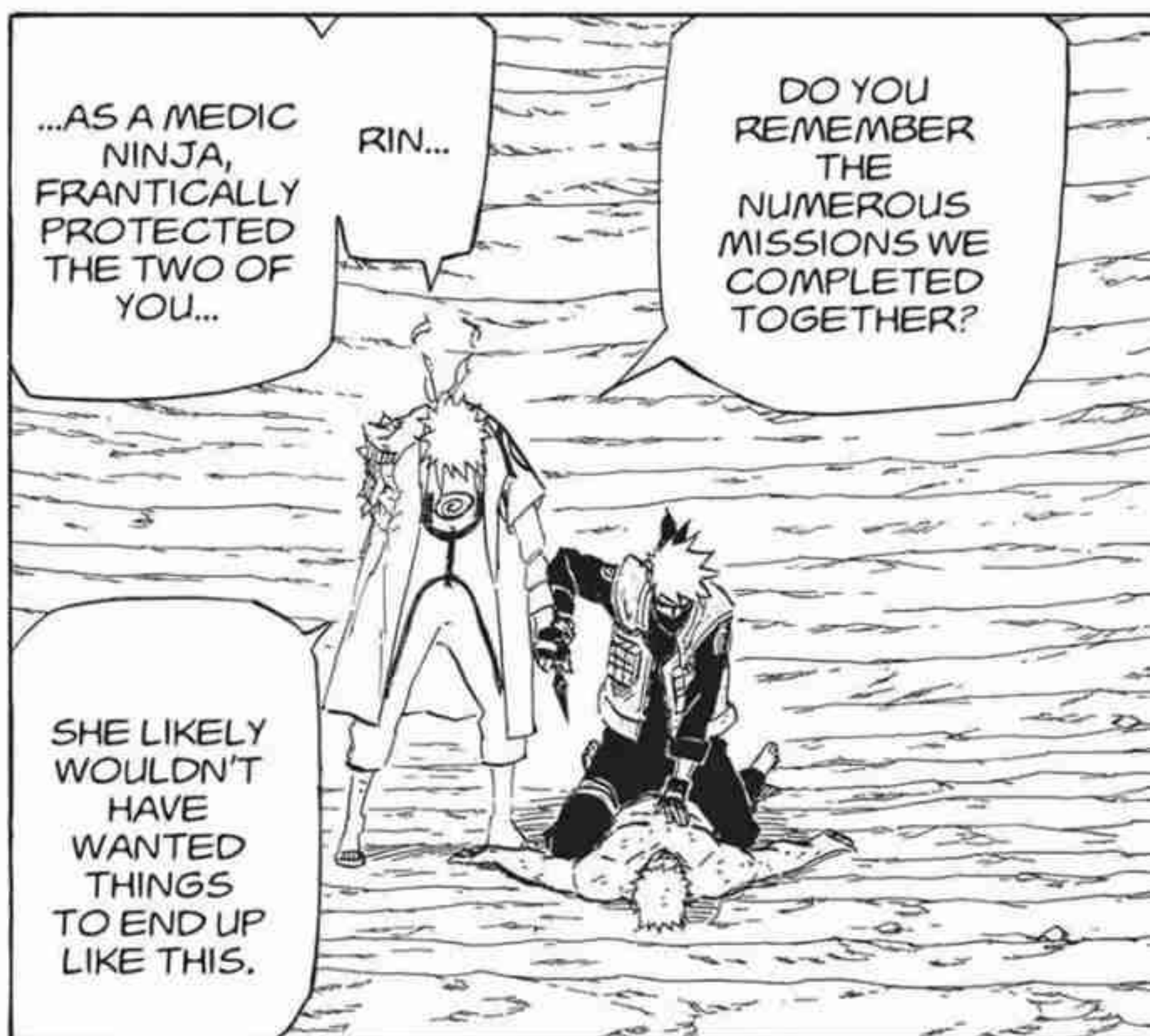


FOR I BELIEVE  
THE ONE WHO  
TRULY  
UNDERSTANDS  
AND WOULD  
KNOW...

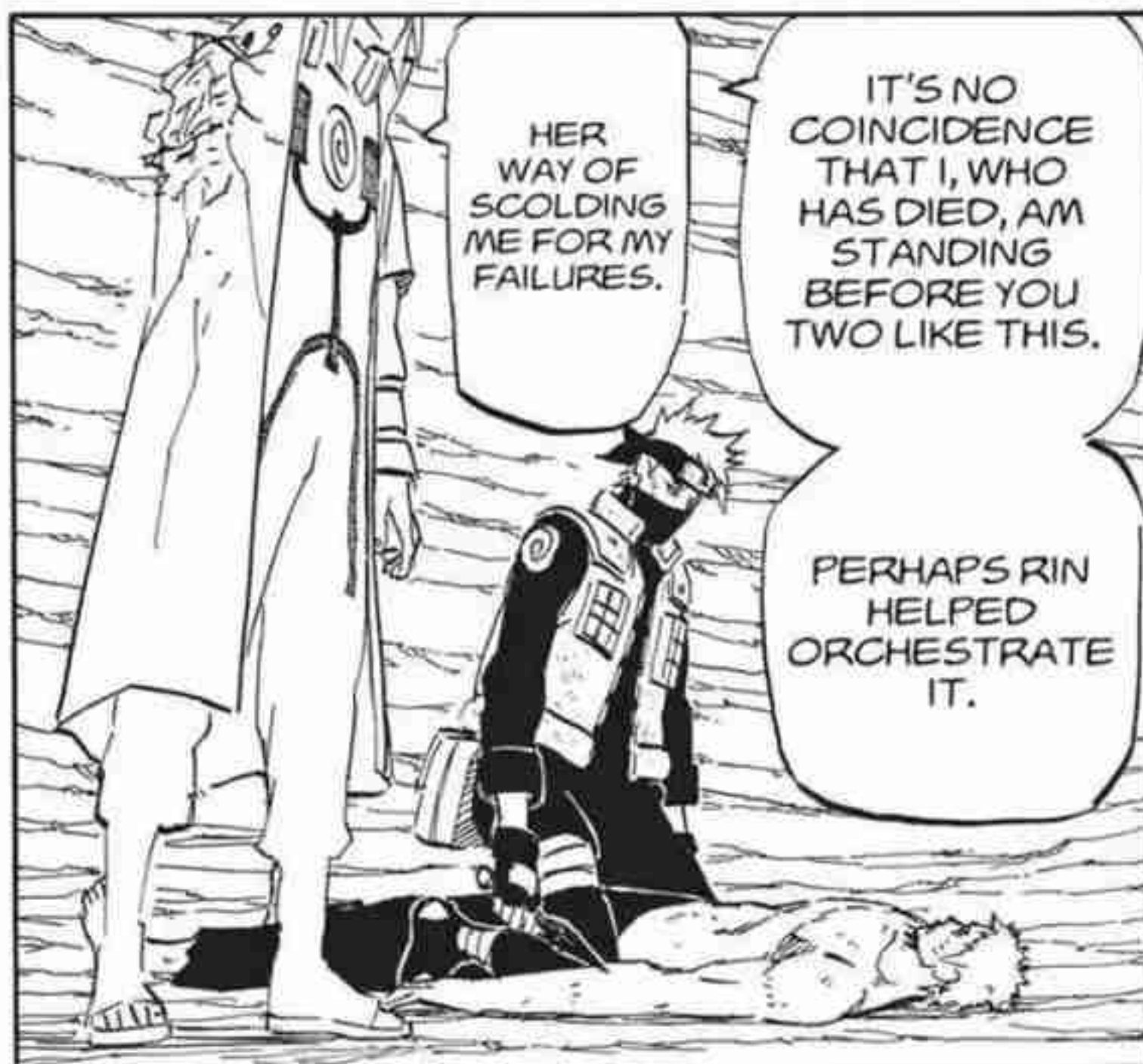




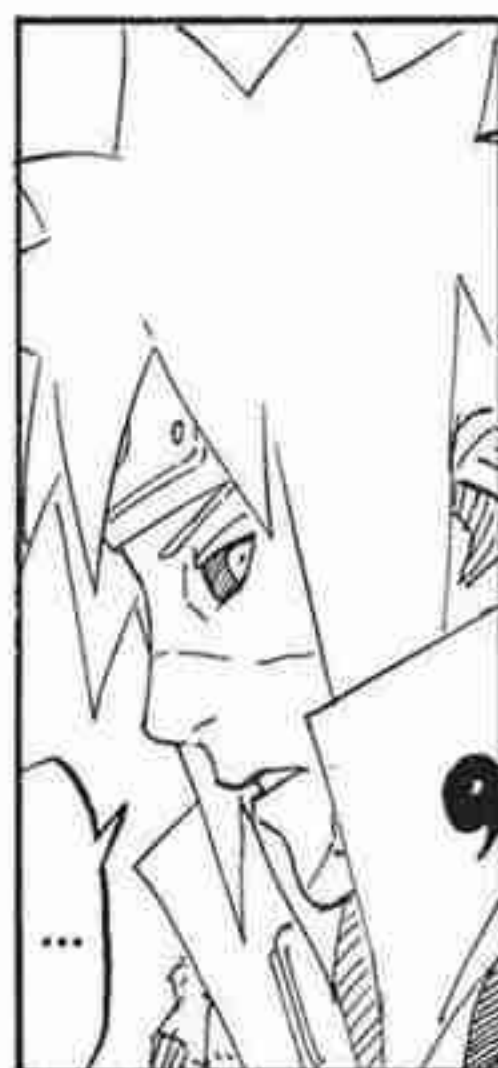




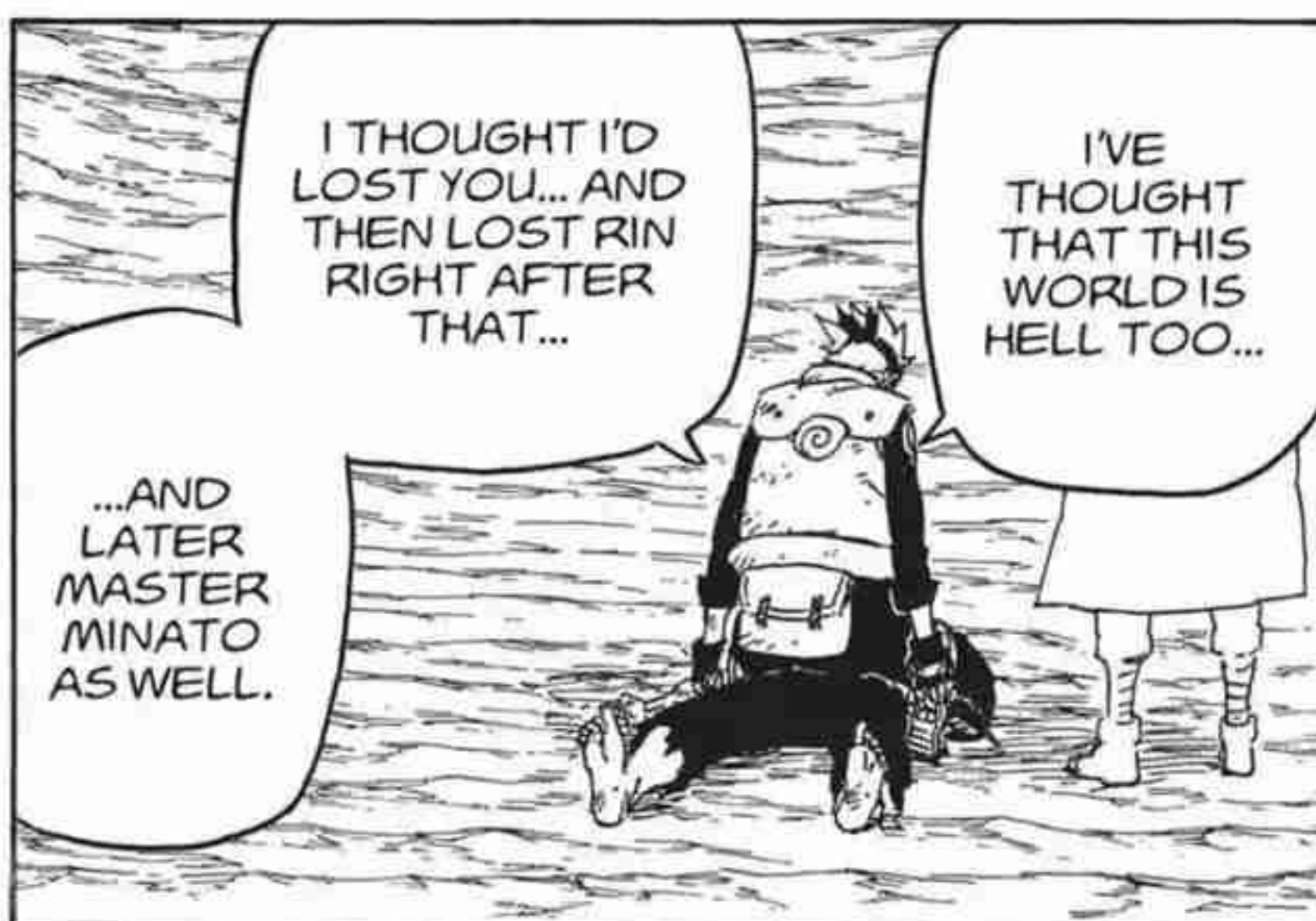
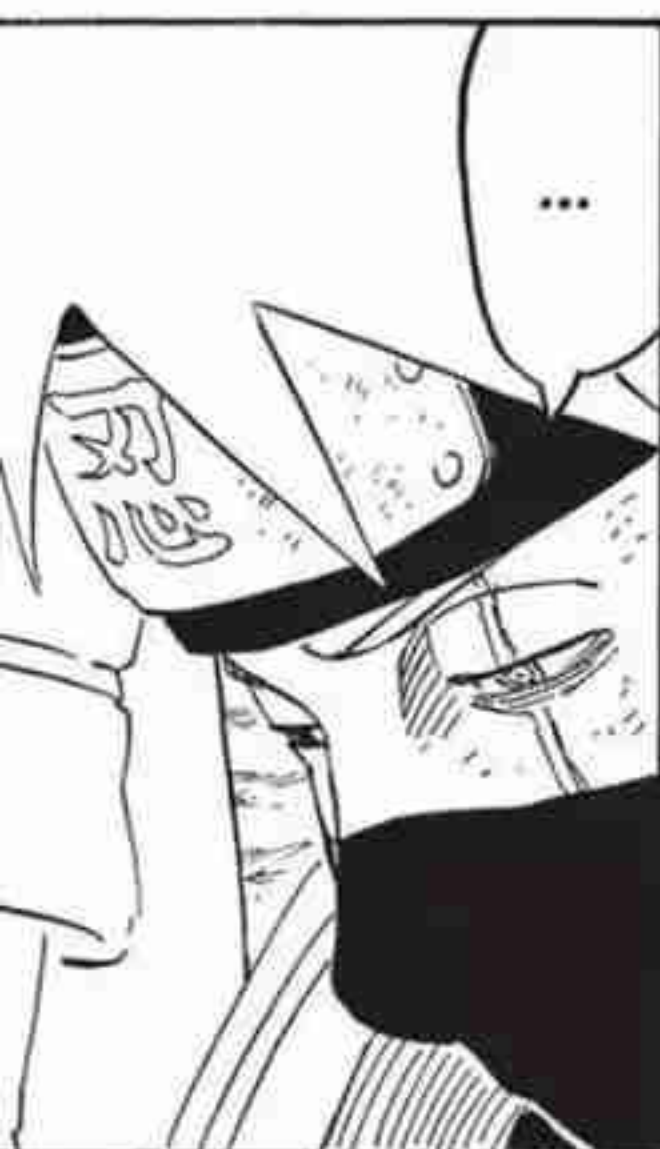








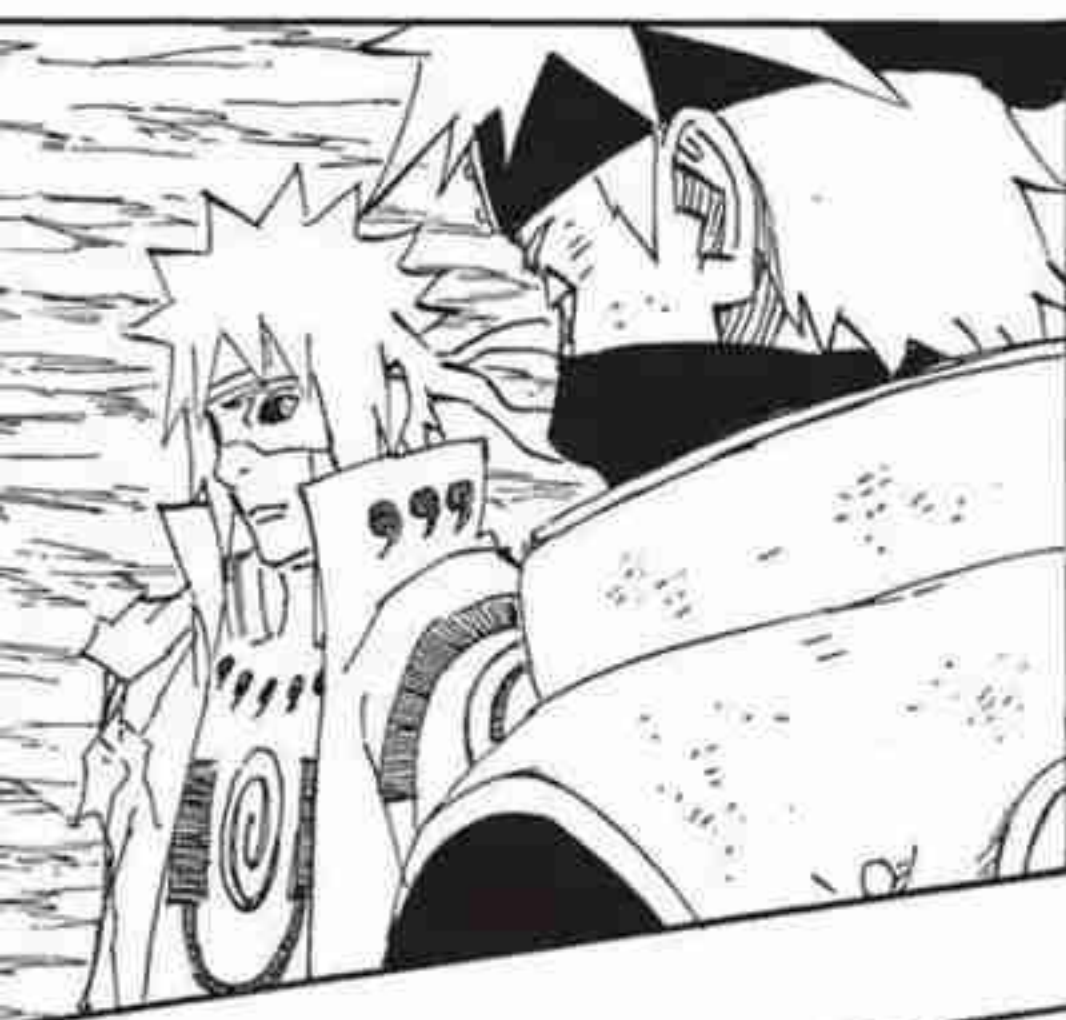








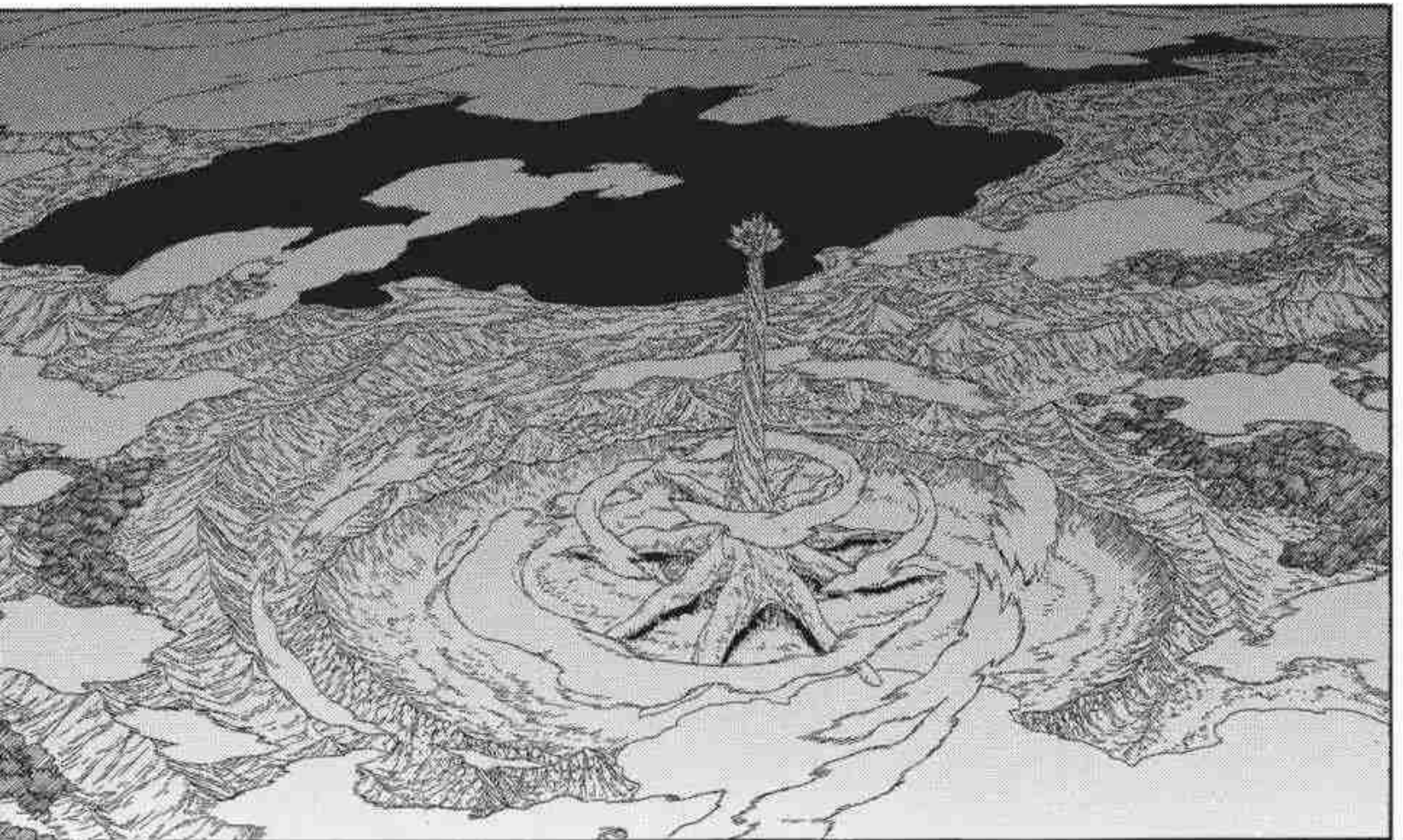




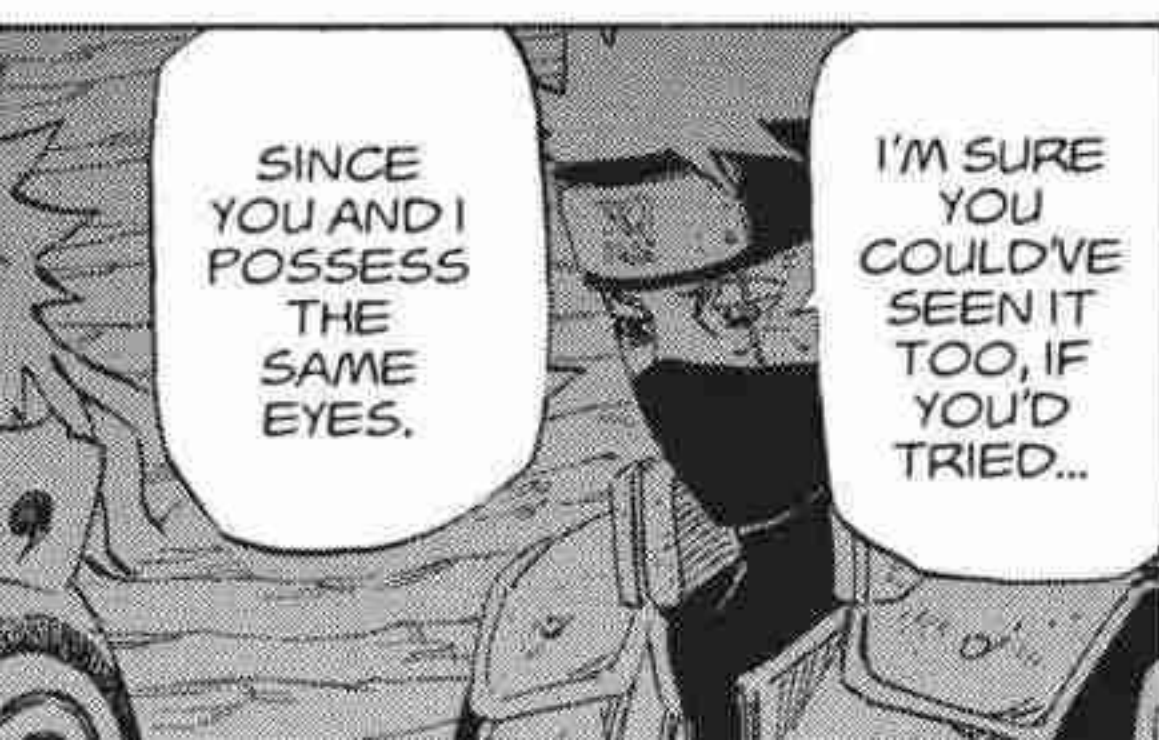








IS SUCH  
A THING...  
TRULY  
POSSI-  
BLE...

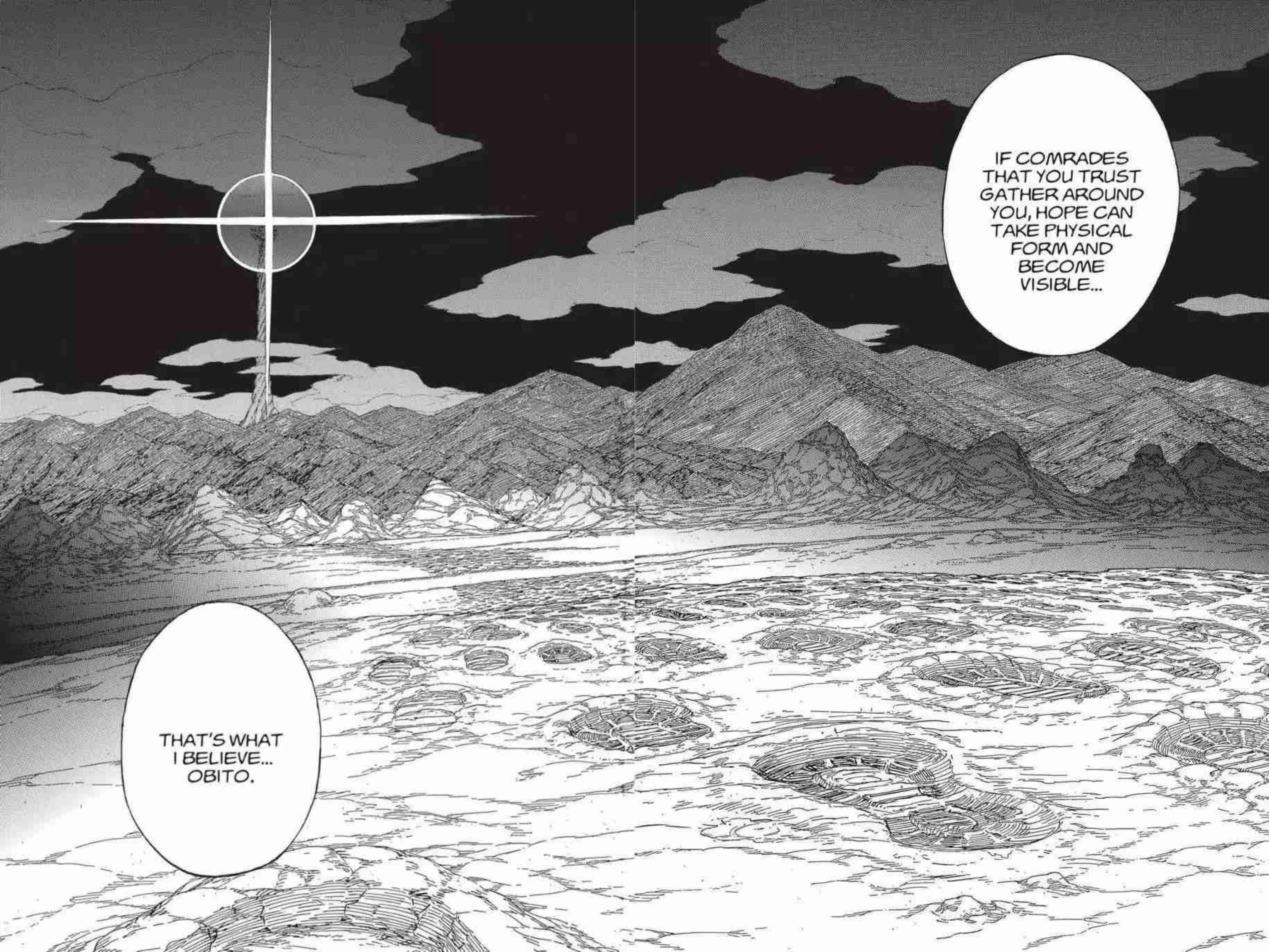


I'M SURE  
YOU  
COULD'VE  
SEEN IT  
TOO, IF  
YOU'D  
TRIED...



ODAMA  
RASEN-  
SHURIKEN  
!!!





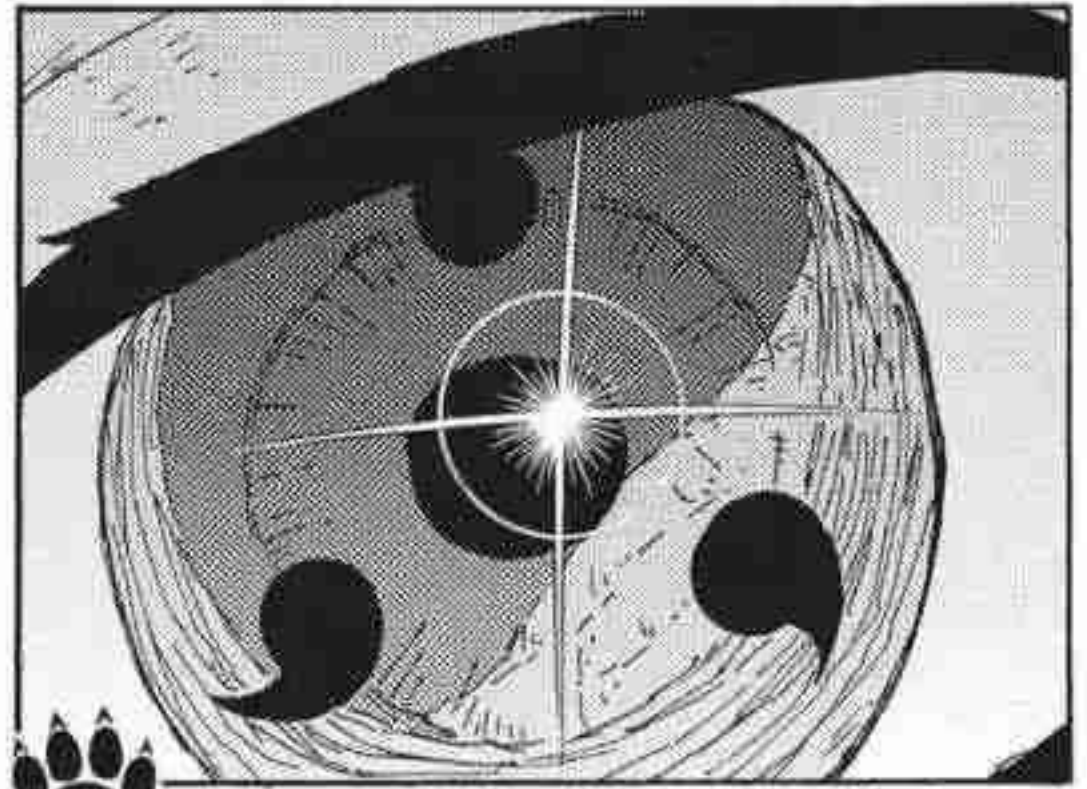
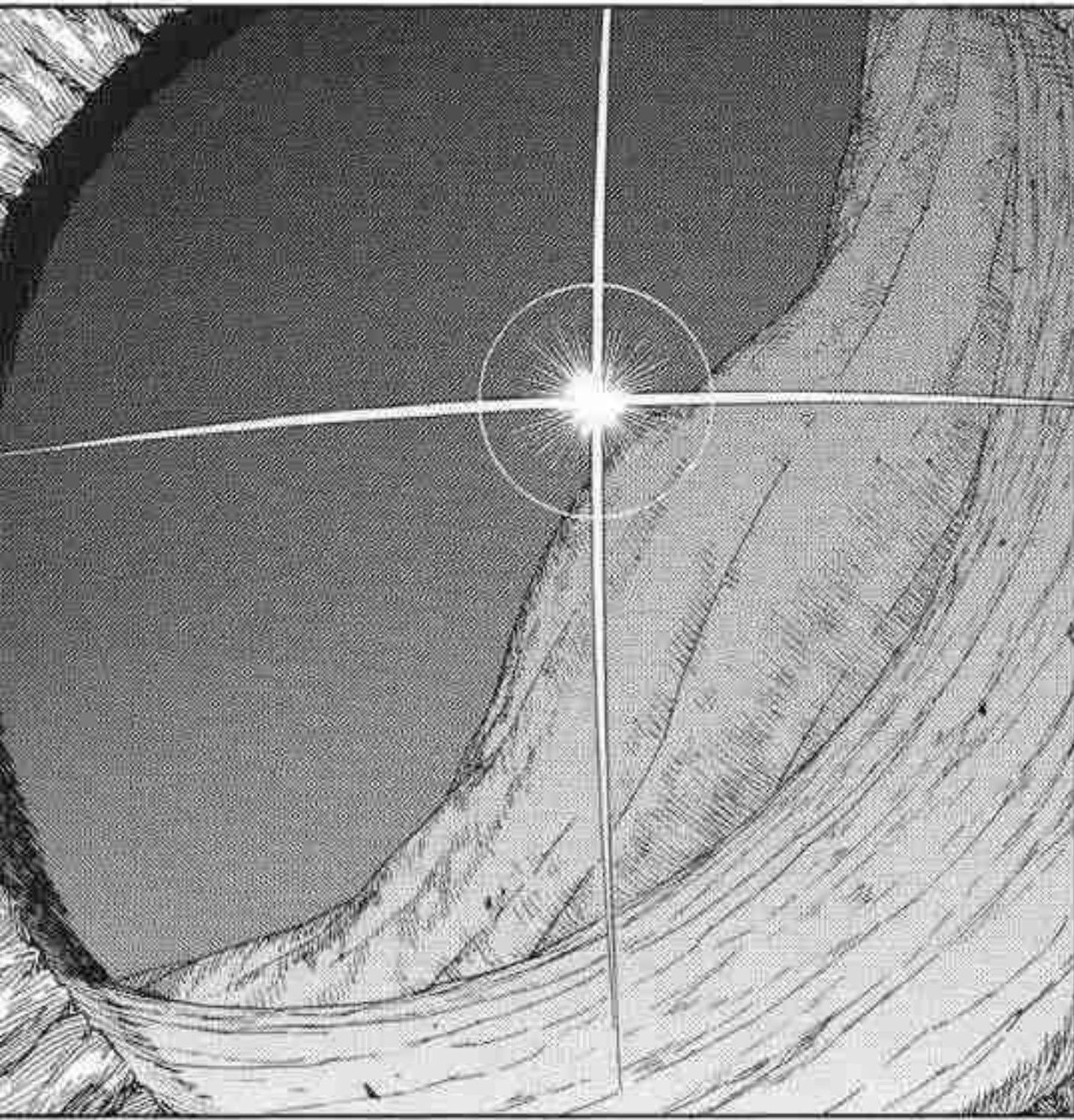
IF COMRADES  
THAT YOU TRUST  
GATHER AROUND  
YOU, HOPE CAN  
TAKE PHYSICAL  
FORM AND  
BECOME  
VISIBLE...

THAT'S WHAT  
I BELIEVE...  
OBITO.





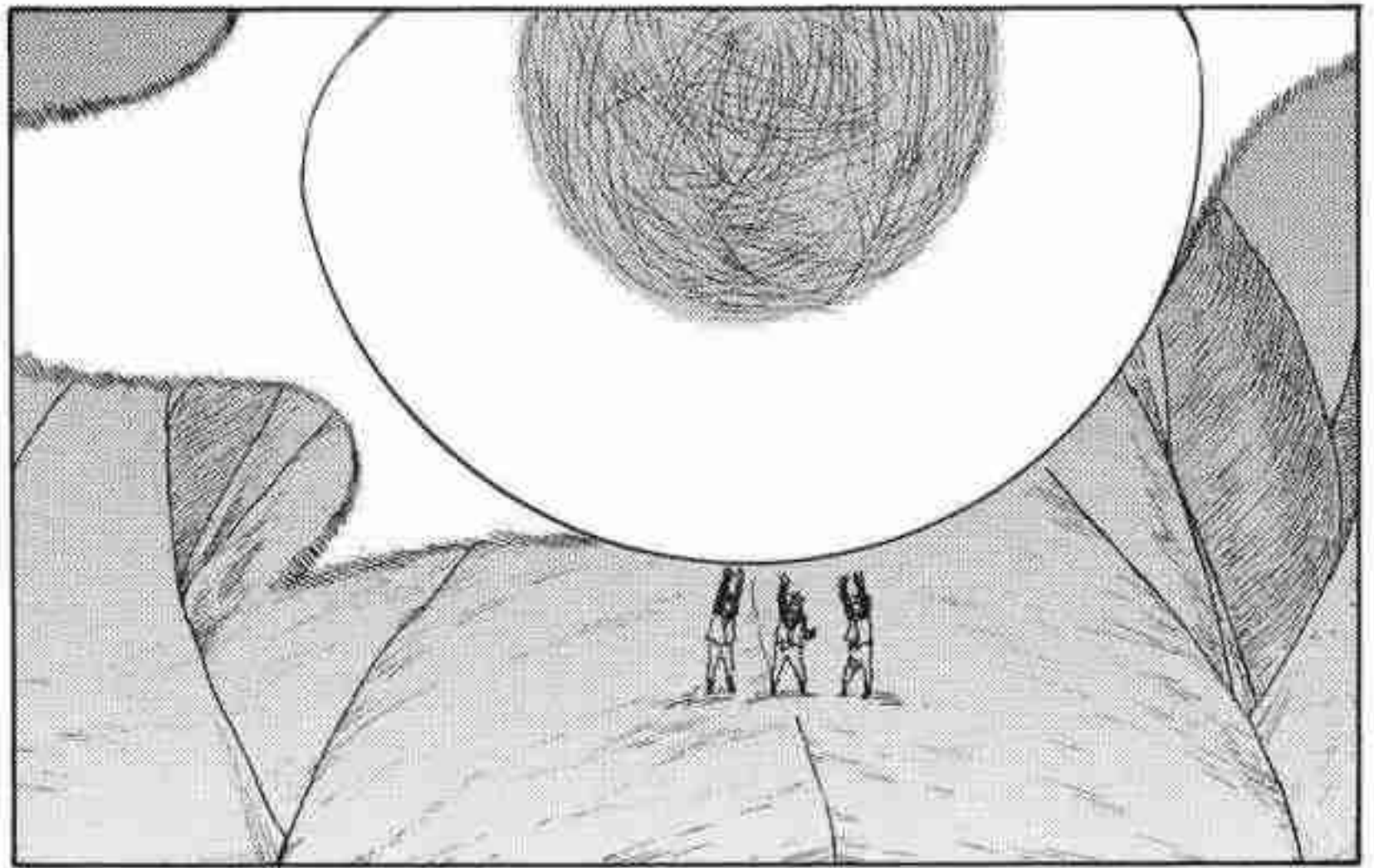




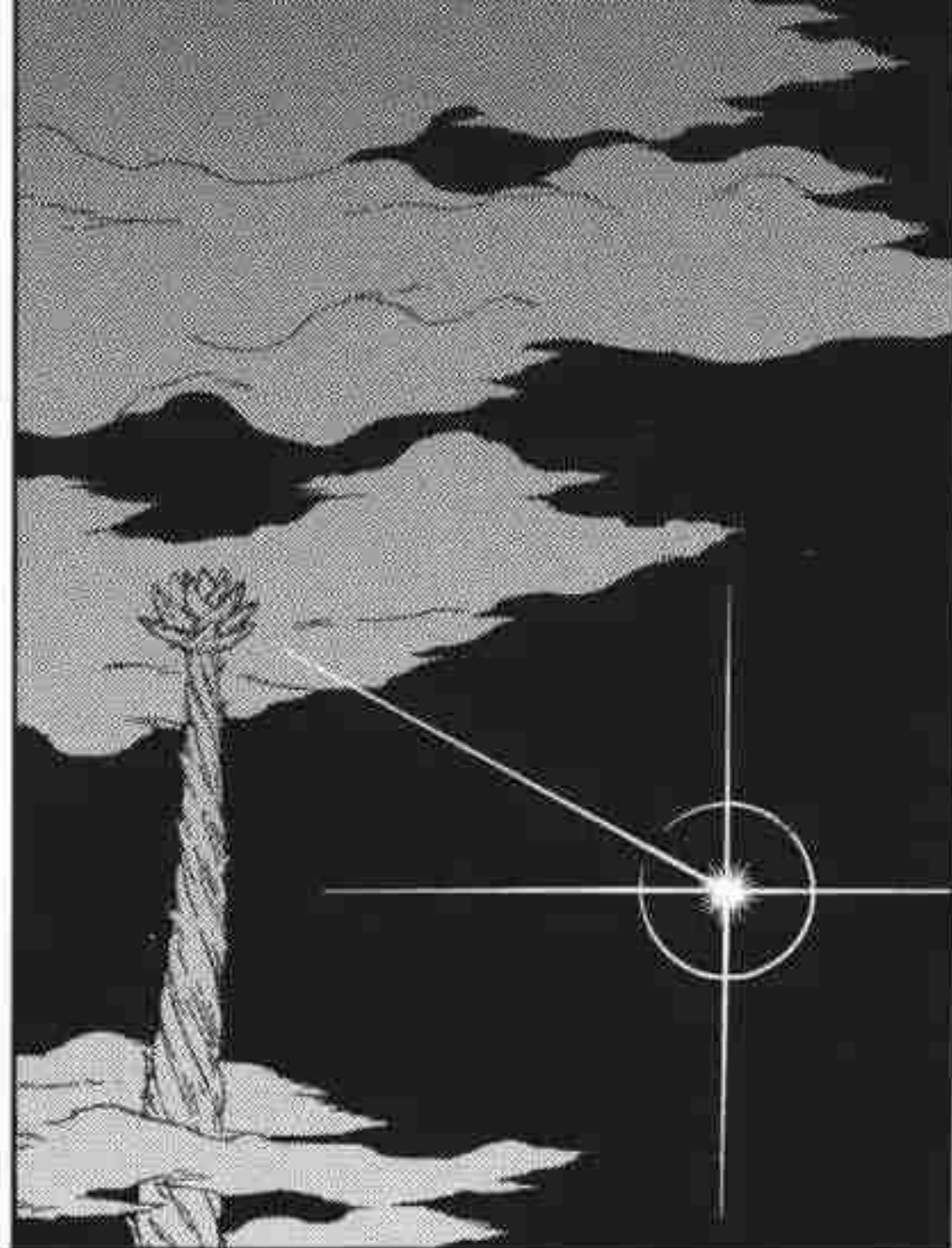
 Number 656: The Switch



NARUTO'S  
PATH, HUH...







...  
PERHAPS  
...



!



HUFF

NOW **YOUR**  
CHAKRA-  
ABSORBING  
NINJUTSU ARE  
NULLIFIED AND  
MEANINGLESS!

THAT  
WOOD  
DRAGON  
WILL  
ABSORB  
CHAKRA  
FROM YOU!



YAH  
!!!

BOOM











SHUKAKU

...I'D LIKE TO  
BORROW THE  
POWER OF  
YOUR SAND  
TO SEAL  
MADARA  
AWAY.



THANKS,  
SAI!!

NARUTO,  
OVER  
HERE!  
LET'S  
GO!



THE GRAND  
SAND  
MAUSOLEUM?

THAT'S  
RIGHT... A  
SUPER-  
SIZED  
ONE TOO.



IF YOU  
DON'T  
WANT  
TO,  
FINE...

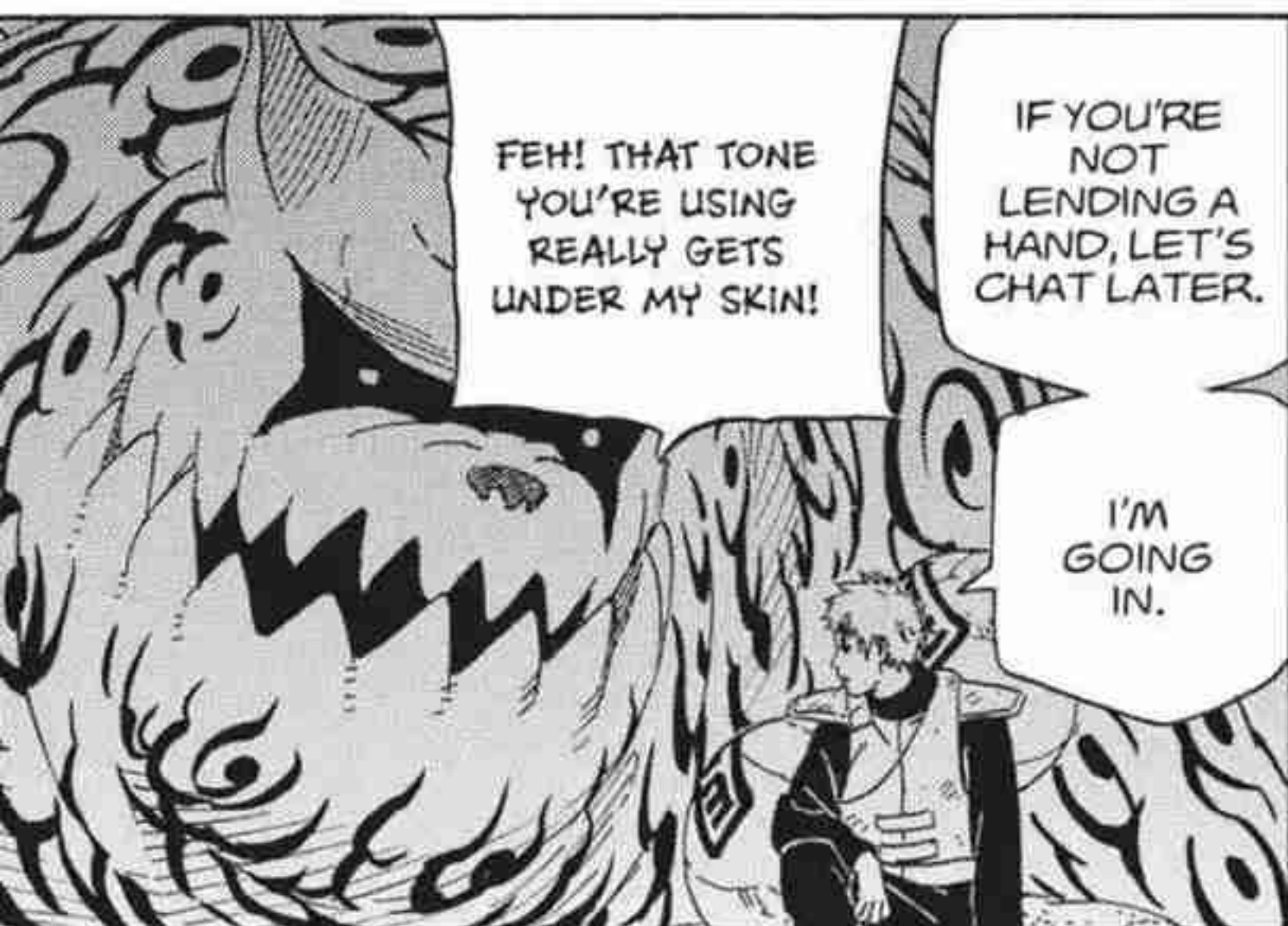
I'LL JUST  
LEAN ON  
ANOTHER'S  
POWER.

I'M NOT  
ORDERING  
YOU... I'M  
**ASKING**  
YOU.

WHAT  
MAKES YOU  
THINK I'M  
GONNA  
LISTEN TO  
YOU?

WA HA HA HA!  
I'M NO LONGER  
BOUND TO YOU  
OR ANY OTHER  
JINCHURIKI...





FEH! THAT TONE  
YOU'RE USING  
REALLY GETS  
UNDER MY SKIN!

IF YOU'RE  
NOT  
LENDING A  
HAND, LET'S  
CHAT LATER.

I'M  
GOING  
IN.



SEEMS  
YOU'VE BECOME  
RATHER CLOSE  
TO THAT FOX  
DEMON'S BRAT,  
GAARA...

UZUMAKI  
NARUTO,  
EH...



....!



I'M  
PARTICIPATING  
BECAUSE  
I WANT TO!

IT AIN'T  
THAT I'M  
GIVING IN  
TO YOUR  
REQUEST,  
YOU  
HEAR?!

NOW  
LEAD THE  
WAY!



I AIN'T  
GONNA BE  
ONE-UPPED  
BY NO STUPID  
FOX!

TANUKI ARE  
MIGHTIER  
TRICKSTERS  
THAN FOXES!



WAIT.

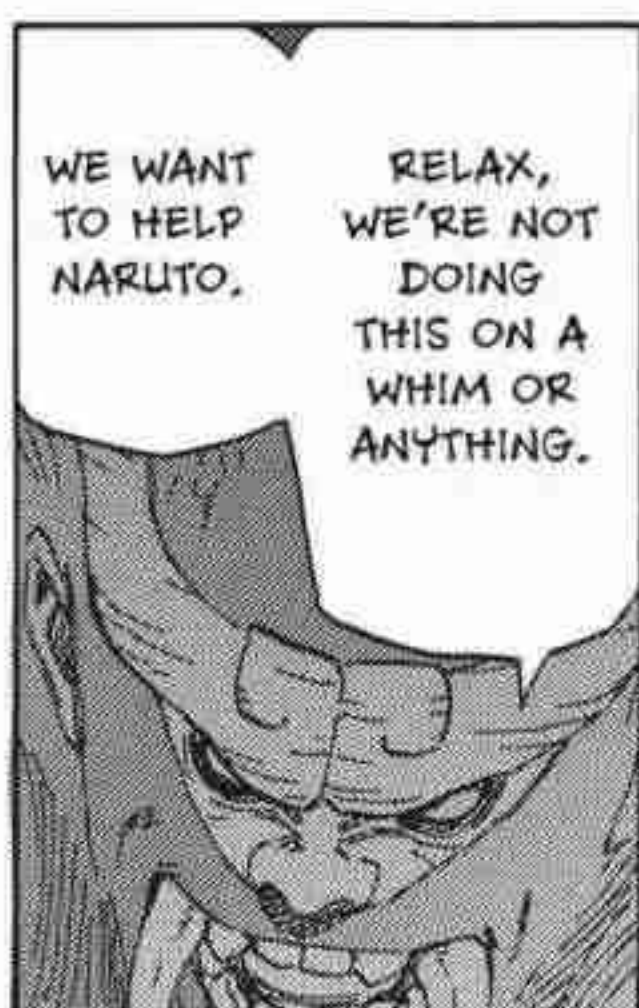
NOW  
THEN...

THIS  
WAY.



...





RELAX,  
WE'RE NOT  
DOING  
THIS ON A  
WHIM OR  
ANYTHING.



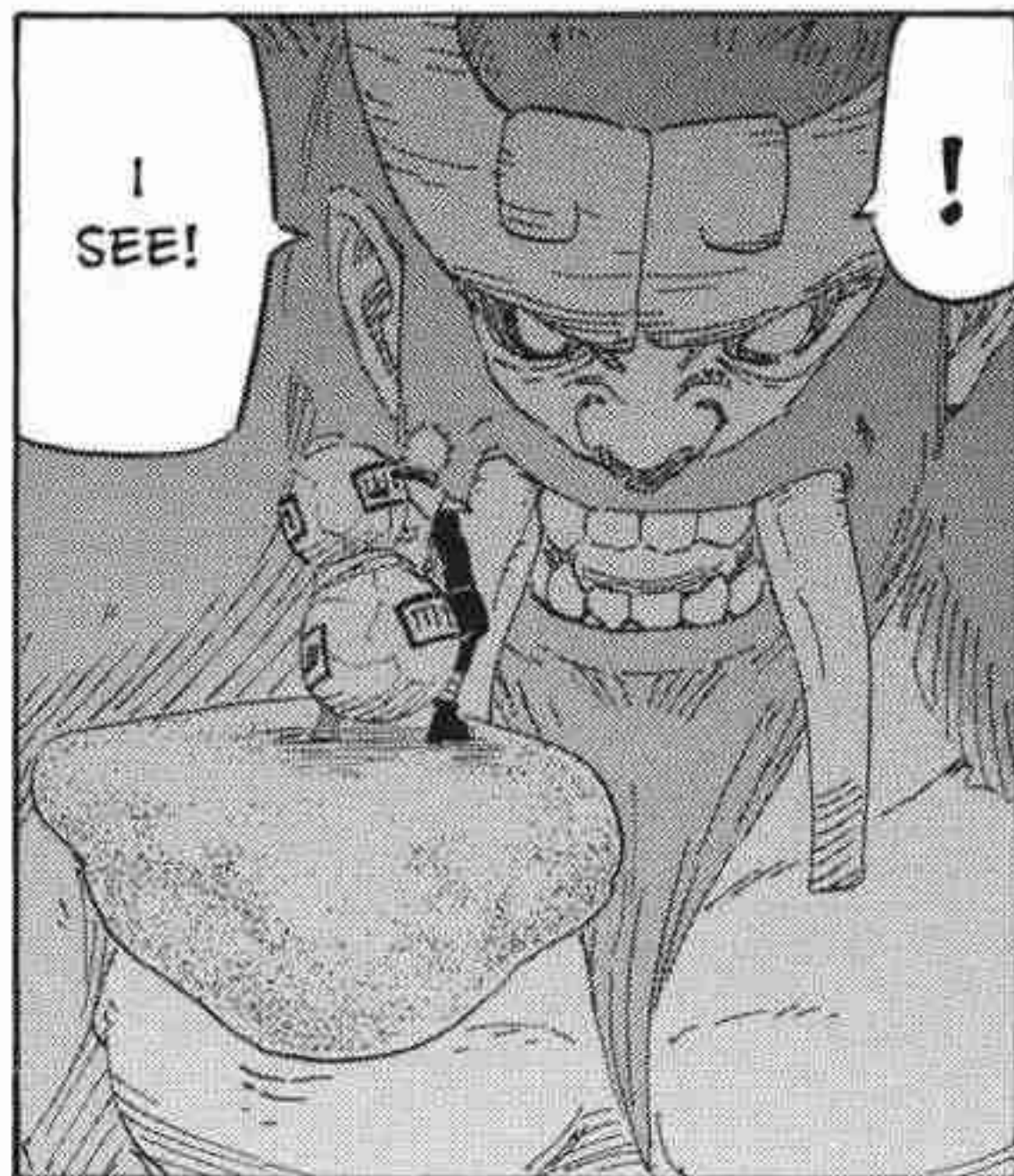
YES...



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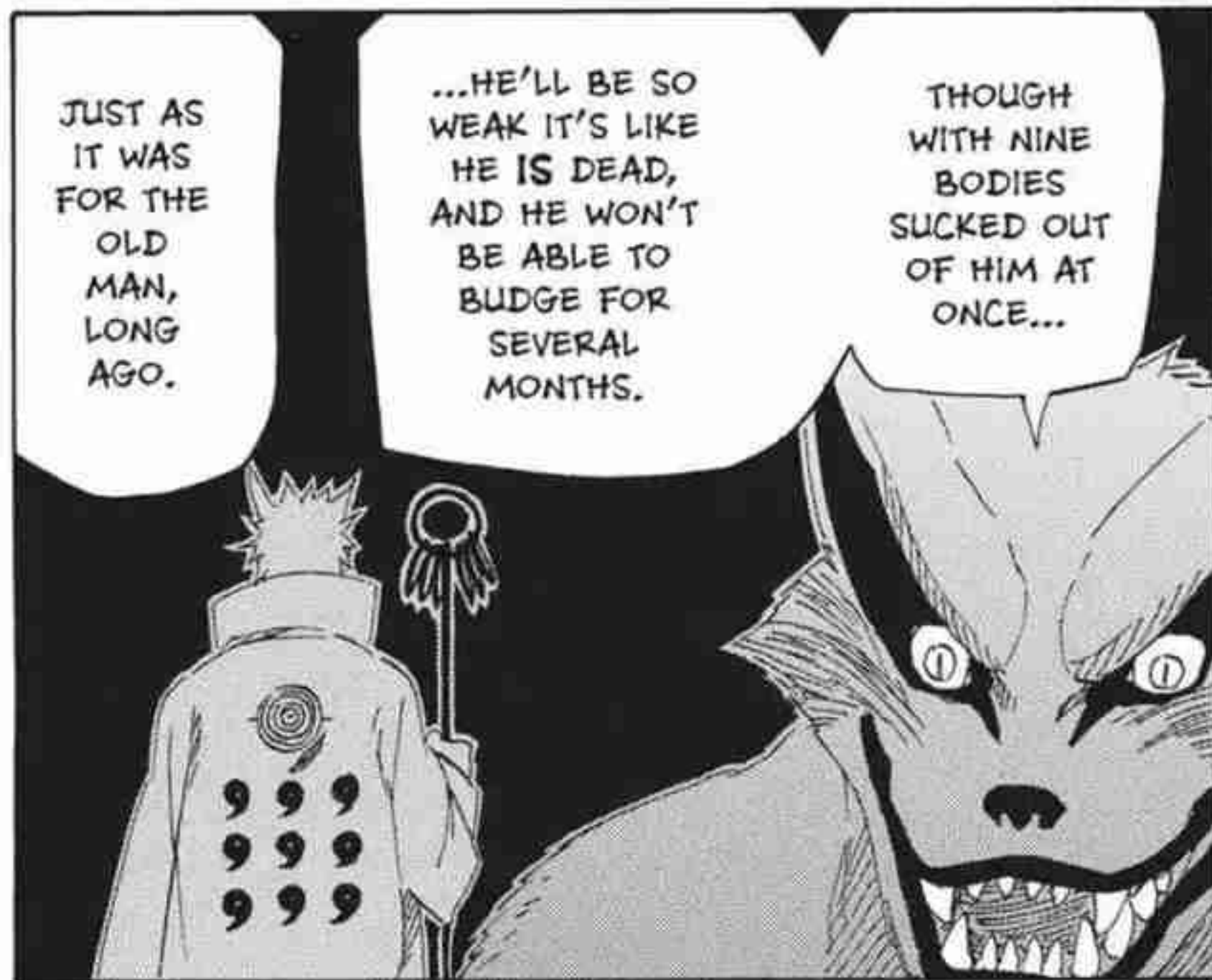








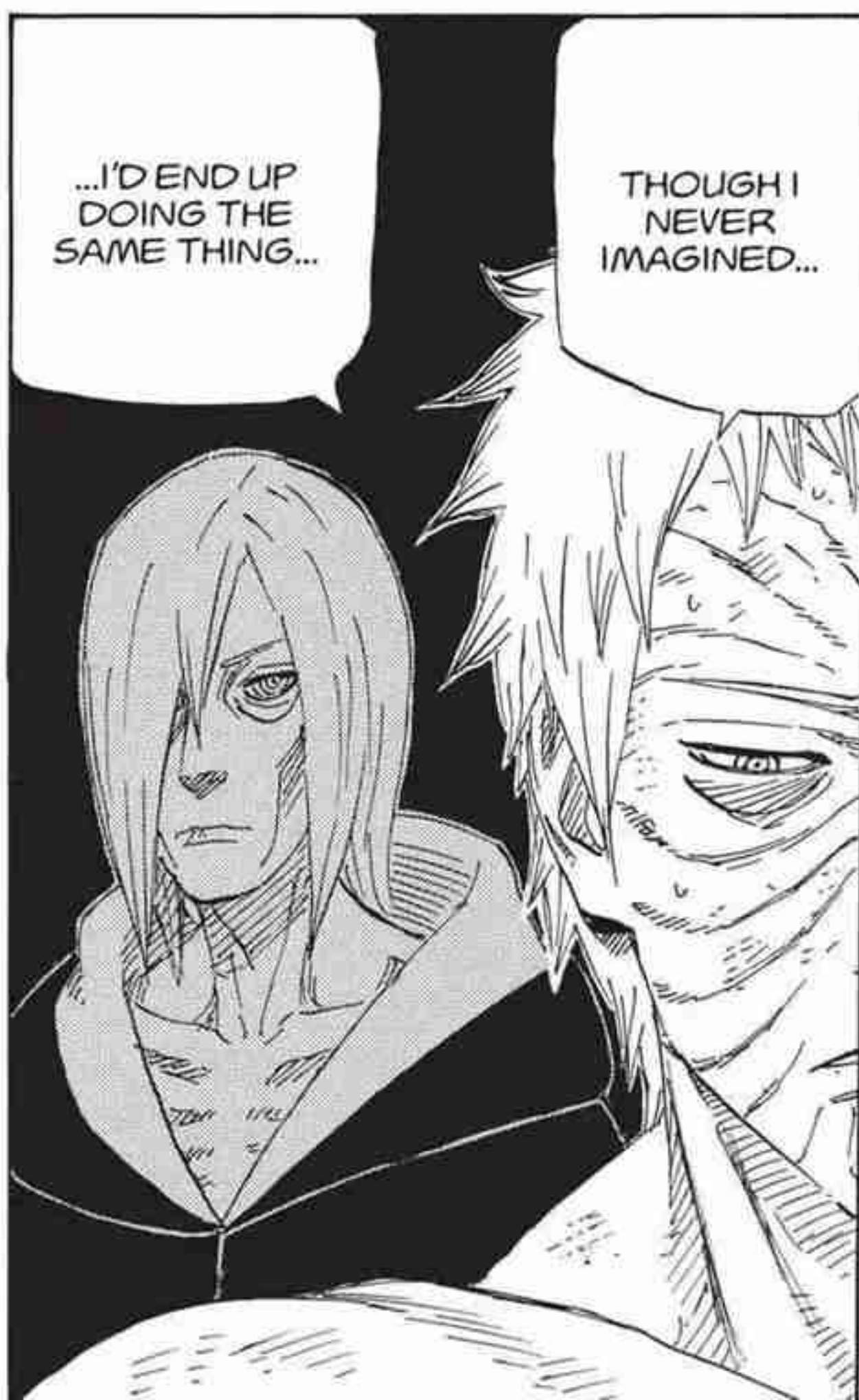




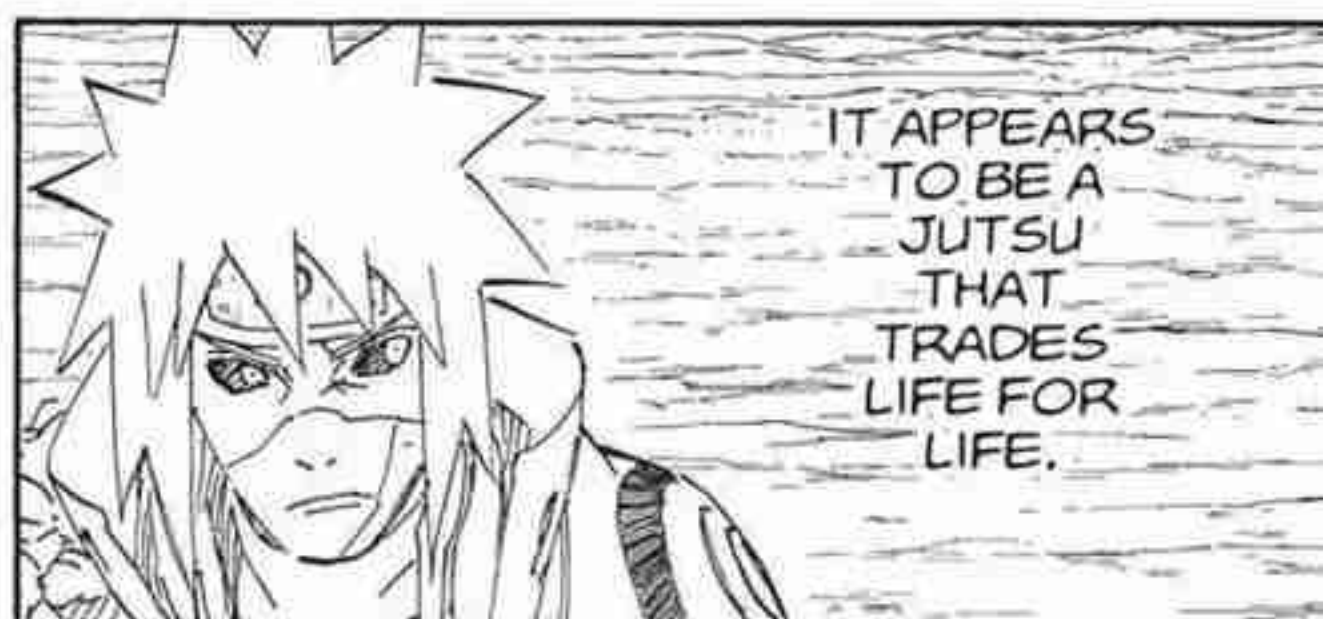








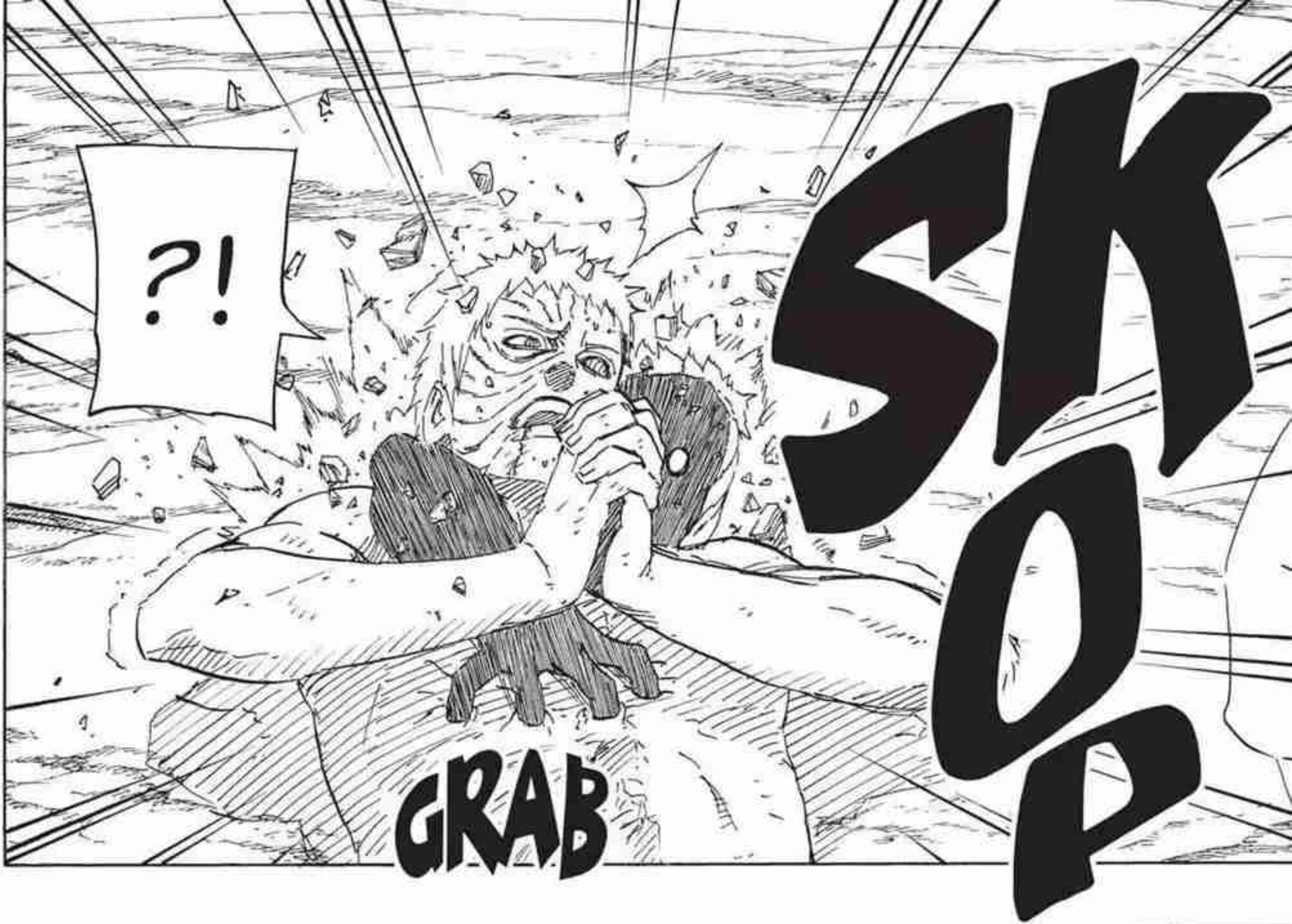




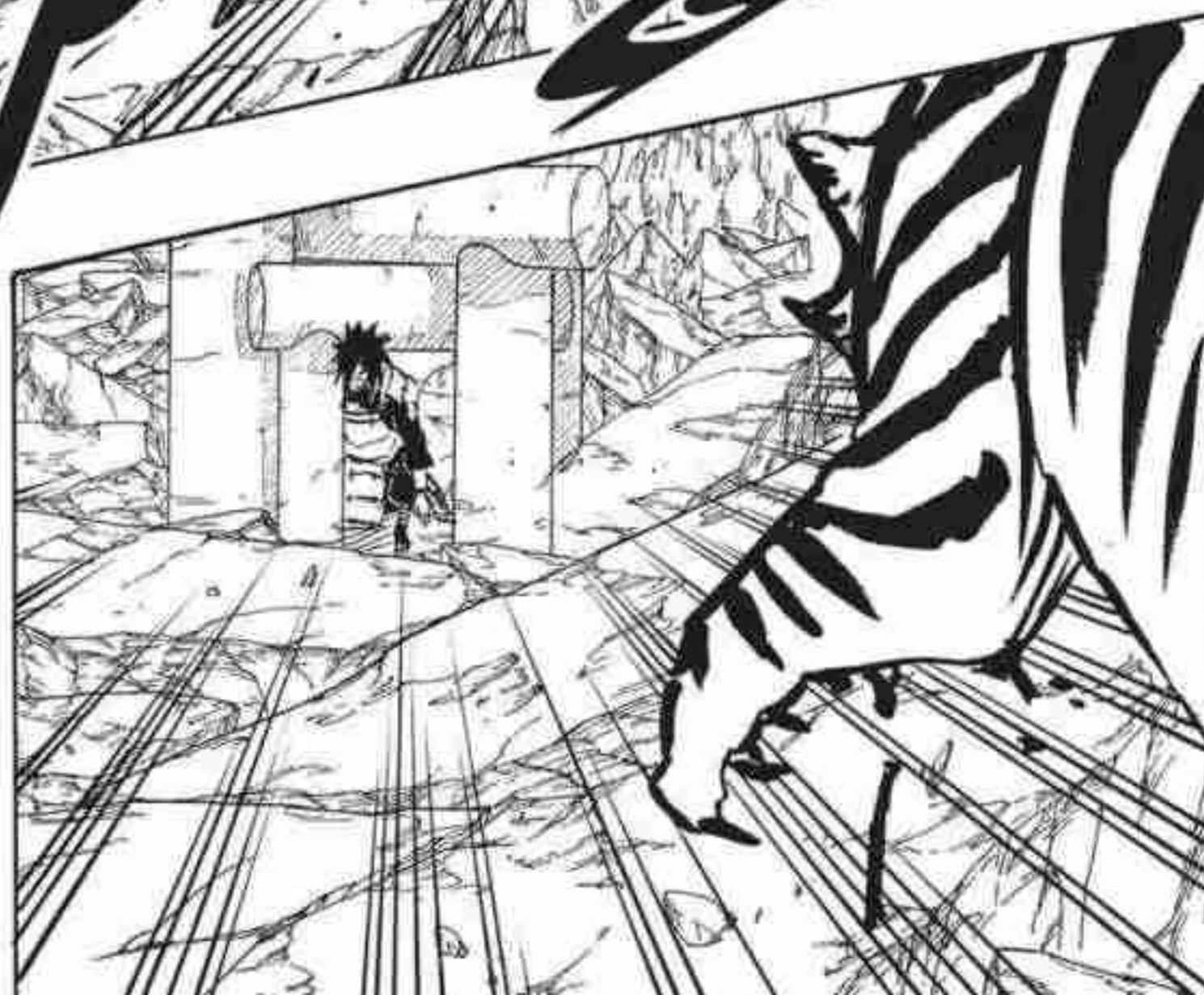
























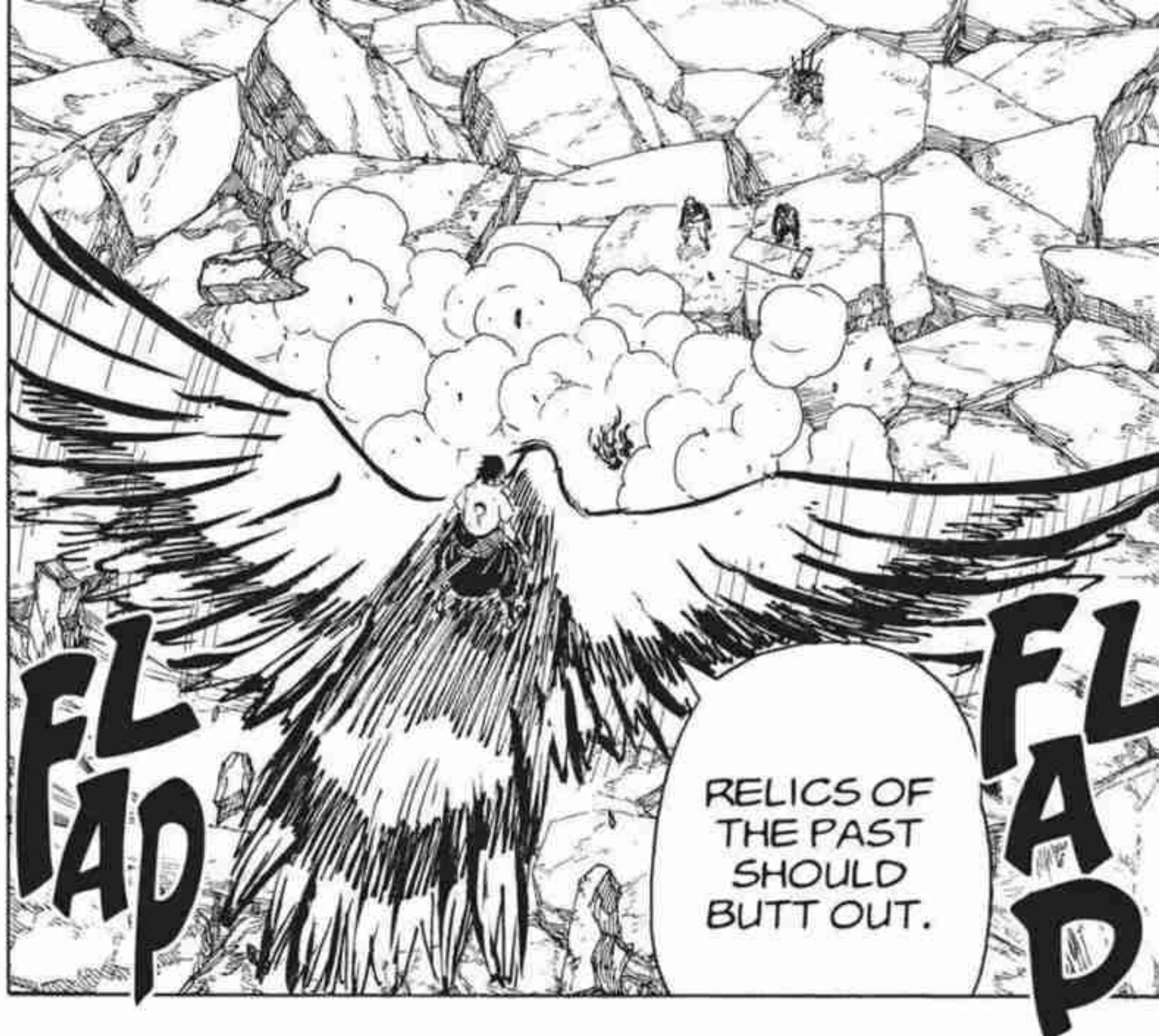




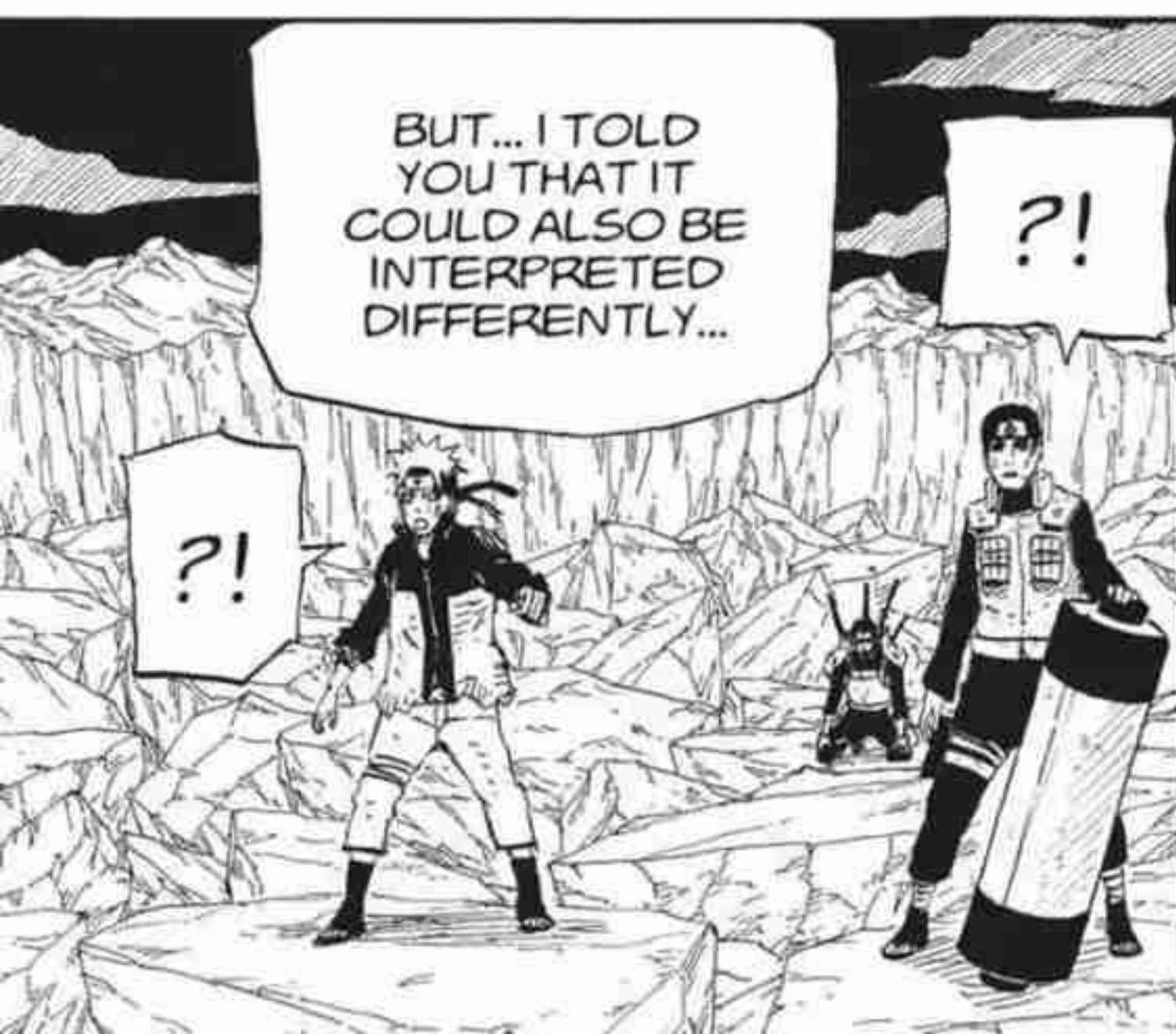
Number 657: Uchiha Madara, in the Flesh























THOUGH  
THINGS DID  
HAPPEN  
OUT OF  
ORDER...  
AH WELL...



SO THIS IS  
SENJUTSU  
CHAKRA,  
EH...?

...000...



DRUB

DRUB

DRUB

DRUB



SWOO...



TAK



THIS  
WILL BE  
EASY TO  
CONTROL.

OH, THAT'S  
ALL THERE  
IS TO IT...?









IT MIGHT NOT BE A BAD IDEA FOR ME TO...

...TAKE YOUR EYES, UNTIL I GET MY RINNEGAN BACK.

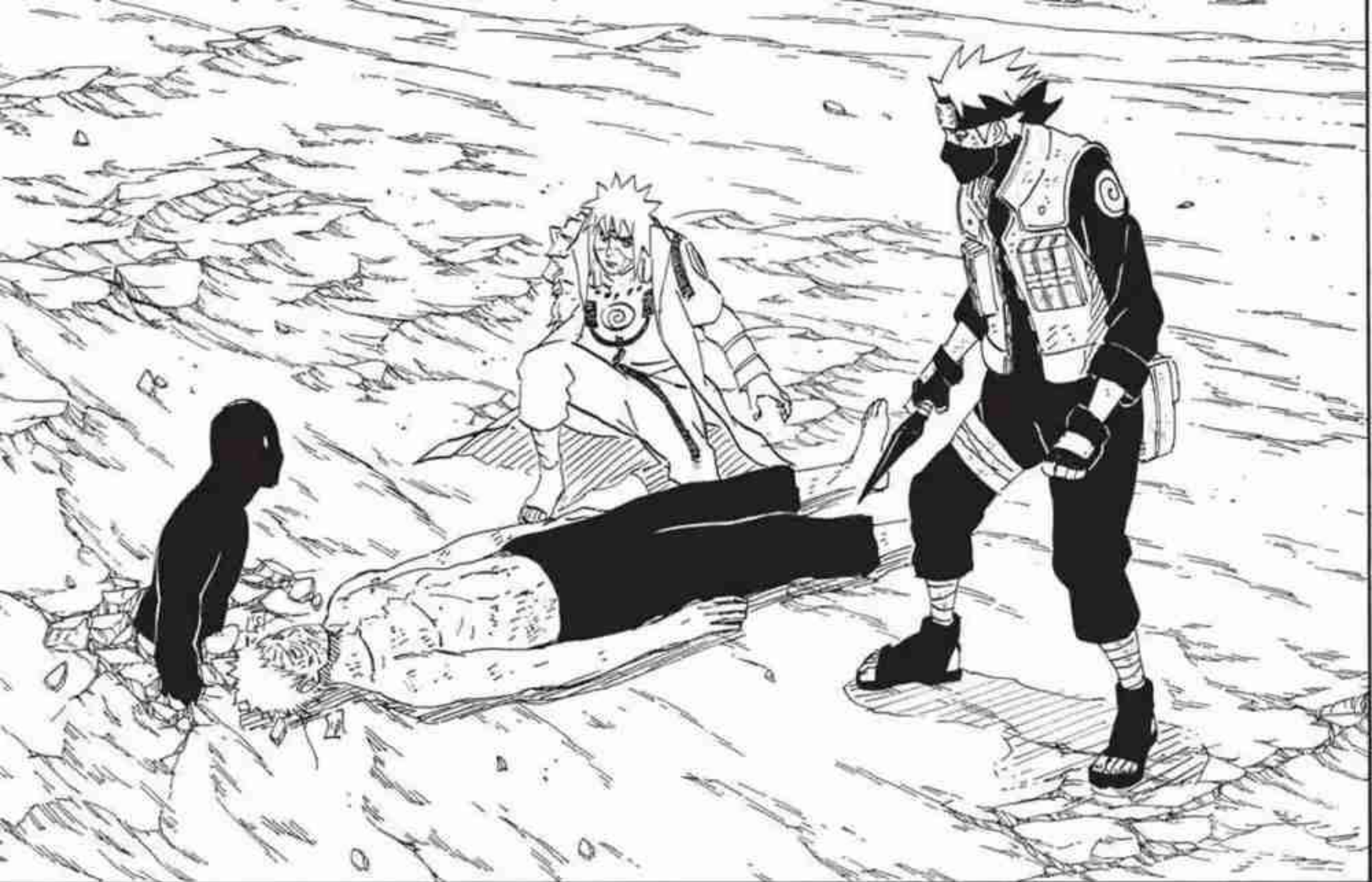
NO WONDER YOU HAVE GOOD MOVES.



I CAN FEEL IT... YOUR MANGEKYO... ARE CHOKU-TOMOE, A STRAIGHT PATTERN.

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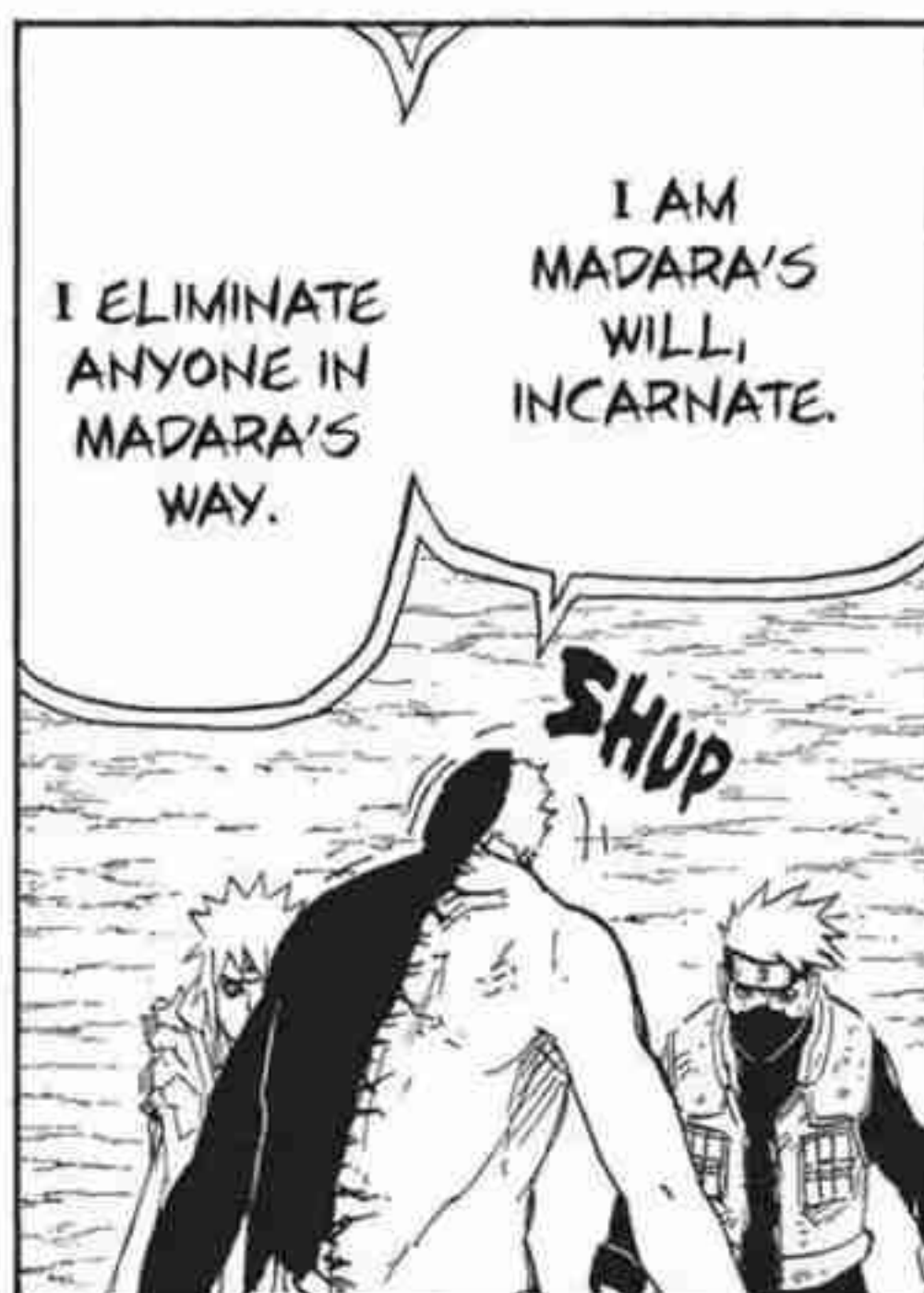
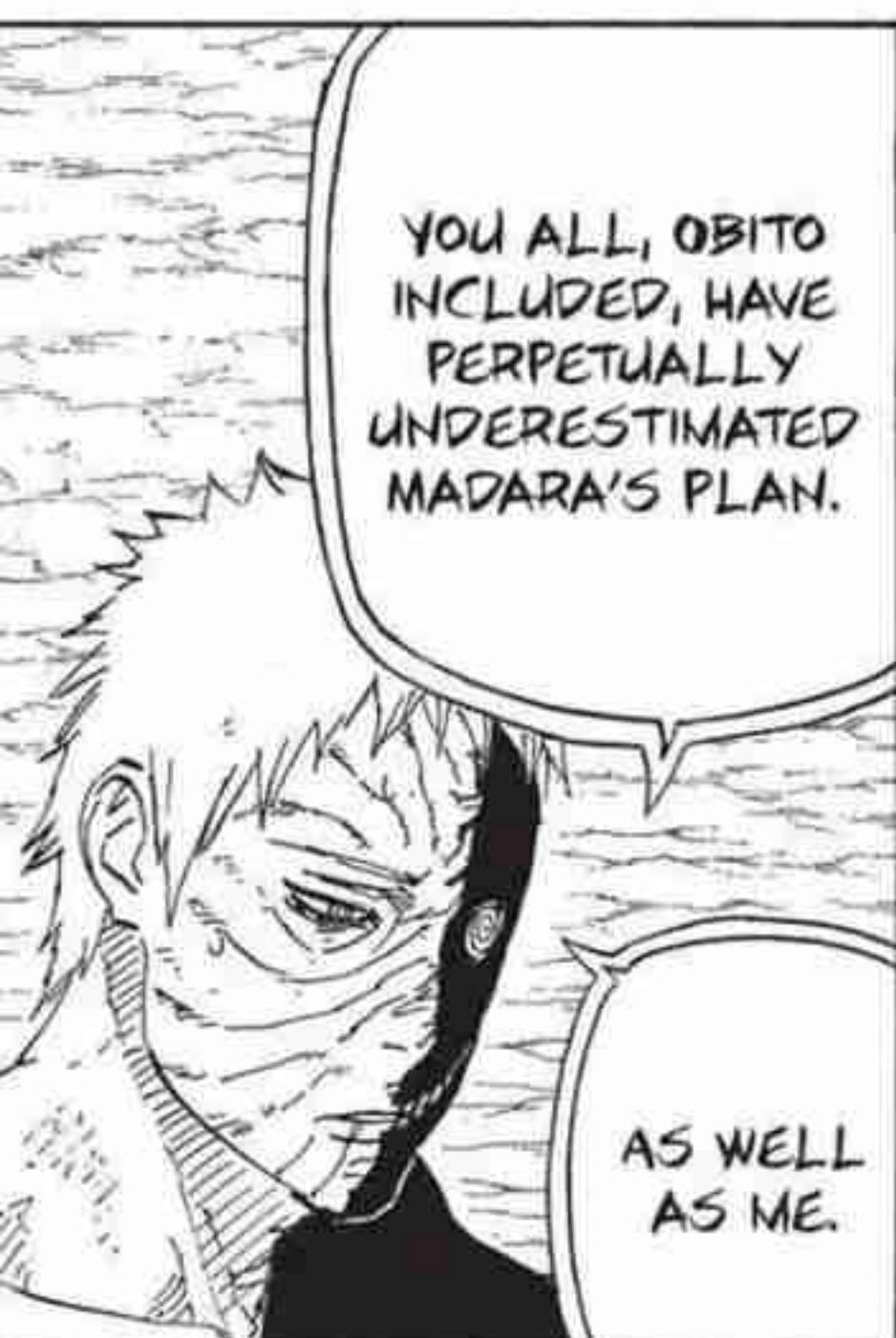




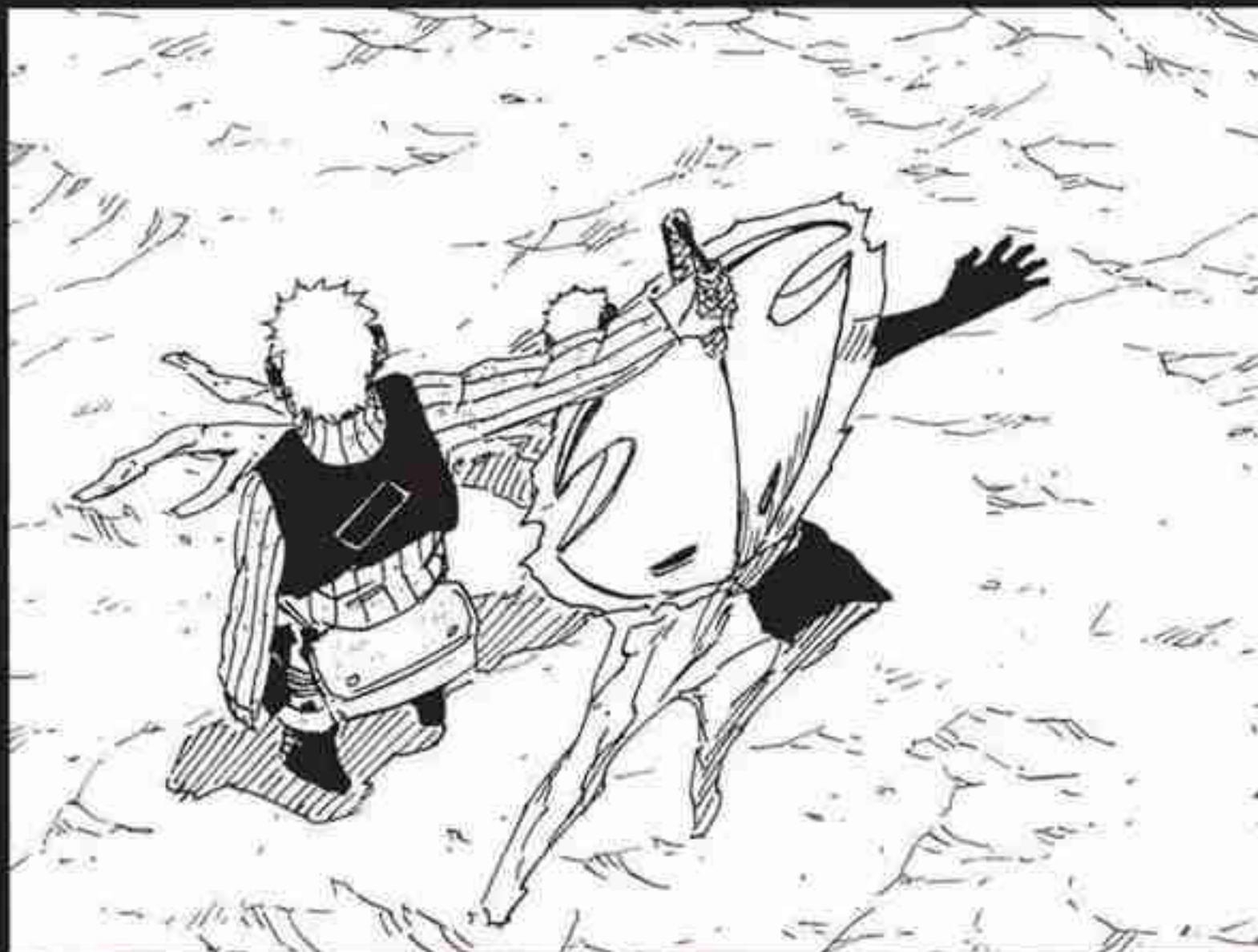




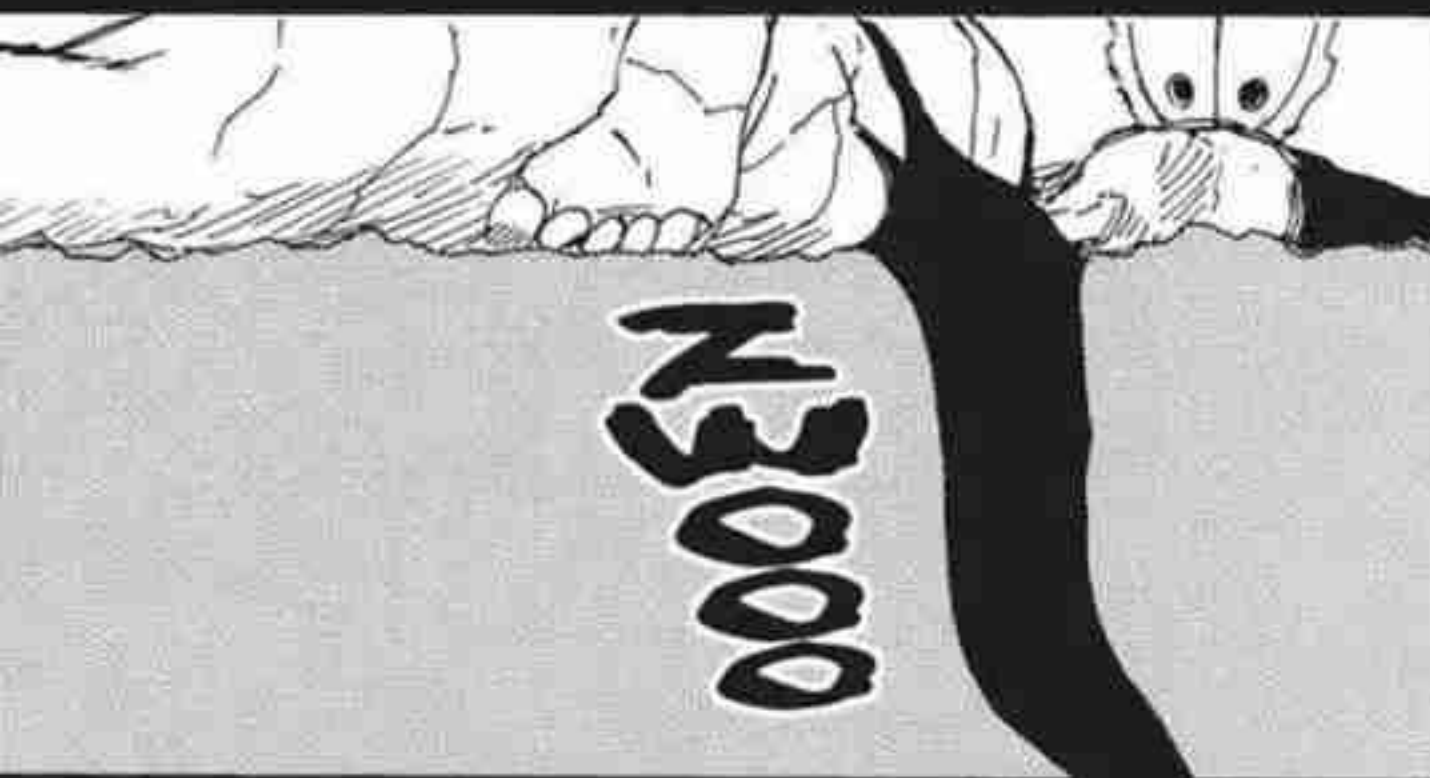












...I'LL USE  
HIS BODY  
TO FIGHT  
YOU ALL.

UNTIL  
OBITO  
DIES...

IT'S ONLY  
FAIR THAT  
HE BE  
USEFUL AT  
THE VERY  
END.



HE'S A GOOD-  
FOR-NOTHING  
TRAITOR WHO  
WENT  
AGAINST  
MADARA'S  
PLAN.







